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DNA, RNA and protein were tested as specific and robust biomarkers of anaerobic reductive dechlorination by *Dehalococcoides* (DMC) species in predictive modeling, with mixed microbial cultures and at a field site. A comprehensive biokinetic model of a community containing DMC strain 195 was updated to describe continuously fed reactors with specific biomass levels based on quantitative PCR (qPCR)-based population data (DNA and RNA). The model was calibrated and validated with subsets of chemical and molecular biological data from various continuous feed experiments (n=24) with different loading rates of the electron acceptor (1.5 to 482  $\mu\text{eq/L-h}$ ), types of electron acceptor (PCE, TCE, *cis*-DCE) and electron donor to electron acceptor ratios. Based on early model results, both competitive inhibition of chloroethene degradation and empirically derived mRNA “adjustment factors” were added to the model.

Quantitative reverse-transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (qRT-PCR) data were taken from microcosms containing the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> consortium (SiREM Labs of Guelph, Ontario, Canada), operated under continuous, chlorinated ethene feed conditions, with the aim of clarifying

relationships and creating more robust set of biomarkers that could be used at field sites bioaugmented with the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> culture. The correlation between respiration rate and mRNA transcript number was upheld for the hydrogenase HupL, and significant differences were observed for reductive dehalogenases (RDases) TceA and DET1545 when comparing the two mixed cultures studied (KB-1<sup>TM</sup> and D2). A correlation was also observed for RDase VcrA expression compared to respiration rate in the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> mixed culture. Additionally, correlation trends for HupL and VcrA were upheld when looking at proteomic ion intensities as compared to respiration rates, though protein changes were not as drastic as they were for mRNA transcripts.

Additional experiments were conducted to quantify these biomarkers under stress conditions (presence of oxygen or low pH). Addition of stressors caused respiration rates to decrease significantly, whereas transcript abundances exhibited a slow decay (0.02-0.03 per hr) over the time period studied, indicating that transcript abundance alone cannot predict respiration rate in stressed conditions within hours to days following stress.

A successful proteomics-based method was developed for identifying DMC and *Geobacter* biomarkers of reductive dechlorination at a trichloroethene-contaminated industrial site in Ft. Erie, Ontario that had been bio-augmented with the commercially-available KB-1<sup>TM</sup> microbial culture two years prior. Samples were obtained from two wells with high hydraulic connectivity to the enhanced in-situ bioremediation system, and two with low hydraulic connectivity. The DNA and RNA biomarkers detected were a set of reductive dehalogenases, and the highly-conserved hydrogenase, HupL. Proteomic biomarkers of organohalide respiration were detected in all four field samples' metaproteomes, and the key reductive dehalogenases present in the bioaugmentation culture were the most highly detected proteins overall, suggesting that deployed DMC strains maintain devotion to high RDase concentrations in the field.



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## CHAPTER 1:

### Background and Objectives

#### **1.A. Introduction**

Humans have caused the release of numerous toxic chemicals to the environment. These waste streams threaten drinking water supplies and natural ecosystems – both terrestrial and aquatic. Attempts have been made both to remediate past releases, and to stop the occurrence of new releases. However, the cost of remediation is often prohibitive – particularly because traditional methods often involve removal of the contaminated substances for treatment. Great strides have been made in recent years towards *in situ* remediation methods – especially with regards to subsurface contamination, which is more challenging to remedy than surface contamination. In recent years, successful *in situ* bioremediation has been documented for common and wide-ranging groundwater contaminants, including chlorinated solvents.<sup>1</sup> This bioremediation can include bioaugmentation and/or biostimulation of naturally occurring microbial populations. Detection of *Dehalococcoides mccartyi* (DMC) DNA at a site indicates that conditions could be favorable for reductive dechlorination.<sup>1,2</sup>

This dissertation seeks to test DNA, RNA and protein as specific and robust biomarkers of anaerobic reductive dechlorination by *Dehalococcoides* species in predictive modeling, with mixed microbial cultures, and at a field site. As a paper-based dissertation, each of the following chapters (Chapters 2-4), presents a complete story describing the specific research objective addressed. The first paper chapter (Chapter 2) describes the development of a biokinetic model utilizing molecular biologically derived (DNA) specific populations levels. The resulting model accurately predicts dechlorination, fermentation and methanogenesis under a variety of conditions in a DMC strain 195 (DMC195)-containing mixed culture (D2) and also incorporates

relevant inhibition parameters and an RNA adjustment factor. The correlation between respiration rate and mRNA transcript abundance has been extensively studied for the Cornell mixed culture (D2).<sup>3-5</sup> Chapter 3 expands this previous work<sup>3-5</sup> to include similar studies with the *Dehalococcoides*-containing mixed culture KB-1<sup>TM</sup> (SiREM Labs of Guelph, Ontario, Canada) that is commercially available for bioaugmentation at field sites and contains multiple strains of DMC.<sup>6</sup> The third paper chapter (Chapter 4) takes our knowledge of biomarkers of reductive dechlorination and applies them to samples from a trichloroethene (TCE)-contaminated field site, where we report on the first successful proteomics-based method for identifying *Dehalococcoides* and *Geobacter* biomarkers of reductive dechlorination at a trichloroethene-contaminated industrial site in Ft. Erie, Ontario that had been bio-augmented with the commercially-available KB-1<sup>TM</sup> microbial culture. The purpose of the final chapter (Chapter 5) is to link the three paper chapters into a complete story and provide future directions of this work. The following sections in this chapter provide a contextual background that highlights the importance of the work, and provide a rationale for the chosen research objectives and the approaches taken to carry them out.

### ***1.B. Environmental Contamination with Chloroethenes***

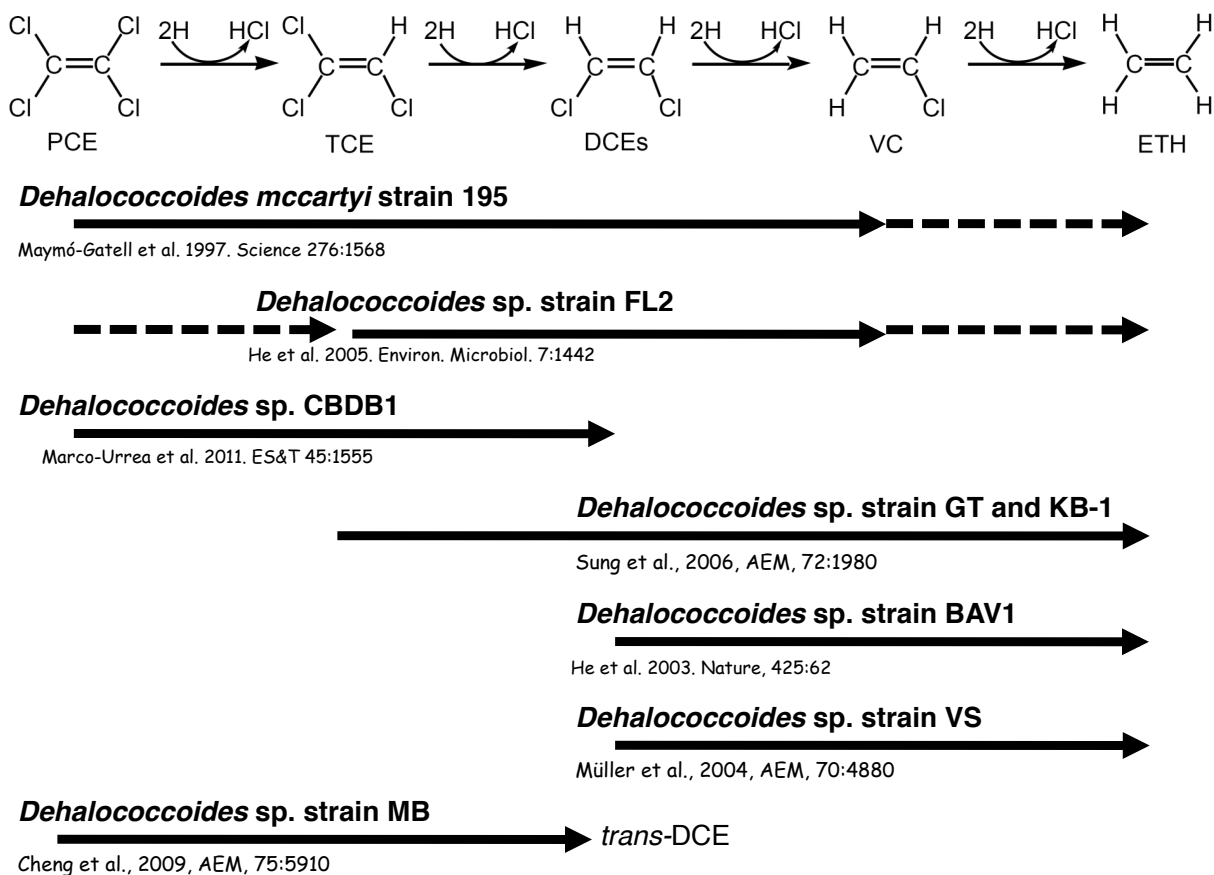
Chloroethenes have been widely used as dry-cleaning and degreasing solvents since the 1930s because they are both non-flammable and chemically stable.<sup>7,8</sup> Their widespread use and a historical lack of proper disposal methods cause them to be the most common contaminants observed in soils, sediments, and groundwater aquifers around the world. A recent study by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) suggests that tetrachloroethene (PCE) and TCE are also some of the most common contaminants detected above the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) in untreated groundwater.<sup>1,9,10</sup> PCE,

TCE, *cis*-dichloroethene (*cis*-DCE) and vinyl chloride (VC) are all included on the EPA and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) 2011 Substance Priority List, with PCE, TCE and VC in the top 40.<sup>11</sup> This list prioritizes substances based on a combination of their prevalence, toxicity and potential for human exposure. VC is the highest listed organic contaminant, listed fourth after arsenic, lead and mercury.<sup>11</sup>

### **1.C. Reductively Dechlorinating Microorganisms**

The only organisms able to produce a non-toxic end-product (ethene) from PCE and/or TCE through the process of anaerobic reductive dechlorination are members of the genus *Dehalococcoides*.<sup>8,12</sup> *Dehalococcoides mccartyi* strain 195 (DMC195) can convert PCE to ethene.<sup>13–15</sup> DMC strains FL2<sup>16</sup>, VS<sup>17–19</sup>, GT<sup>17</sup> and the mixed culture KB-1<sup>6</sup> can convert TCE to ethene. DMC strain BAV1 can convert DCE to ethene (Figure 1.1).<sup>20</sup> Degradation of PCE or TCE by other species, or DMC strain CBDB1<sup>21–23</sup>, often stalls at DCE or VC, suspected and known carcinogens, respectively. Additionally, DMC strain MB produces *trans*-DCE, rather than *cis*-DCE.<sup>24</sup> The DMC isolates, along with numerous environmental and mixed-culture samples, have highly similar 16S rRNA gene sequences. However, Hendrickson et al. divided them into three phylogenetic subgroups based on sequence signatures in hypervariable regions 2 and 6 of the 16S rRNA gene: the Cornell (DMC195), Victoria (DMC strain VS) and Pinellas (DMC strains CBDB1, BAV1, GT and FL2) subgroups.<sup>1,25,26</sup> Other obligate organohalide respirers exist, such as the non-DMC chloroflexi *Dehalogenimonas*, and the Gram-positive *Dehalobacter*.<sup>27,28</sup> However, DMC are still the only organisms to completely dechlorinate PCE or TCE. Thus, evaluating natural attenuation and/or enhanced bioremediation at a field site and establishing engineering procedures for remediation can be closely linked to an understanding of the organisms carrying out transformation of lesser-chlorinated ethenes.<sup>29</sup>





**Figure 1.1. *Dehalococcoides* strains catalyze different steps of PCE/TCE dechlorination.**

### 1.D. Biomarkers of Reductive Dechlorination

To prove to a regulatory agency that bioremediation is occurring at a site, three conditions must be met: organisms that are capable of degrading the contaminant under site conditions must be present, loss of the contaminant of interest must be documented, and the organism must be actively expressing its bioremediation capability *in situ*.<sup>30</sup> The third piece of evidence is the most difficult to demonstrate conclusively. Costly microcosms have generally been used to demonstrate it, but biomarkers may serve as the key piece of evidence.

Biomarkers are biomolecules (DNA, RNA or protein) that correspond to a specific microbial process or state. Several studies have been conducted regarding detection of 16S rRNA

genes at field sites. 16S rRNA gene sequences are highly conserved among strains of DMC, forming a distinct phylogenetic group.<sup>1</sup> Hendrickson et al. observed that there is a strong correlation between the presence of the DMC 16S rRNA gene at a site, and the reductive dechlorination of chlorinated ethenes to ethene.<sup>1</sup> However, presence of the 16S rRNA gene does not necessarily mean that dechlorination will occur – present conditions may not be favorable and the targeted electron acceptor differs among strains (phylogeny does not necessarily predict physiology), making it challenging to predict whether or not dechlorination will occur or is occurring at a certain site without more information.<sup>1,31–34</sup> The physiological differences are attributed to the numerous reductive dehalogenases (RDases) coded for in the genomes of each strain of DMC (12-36 per strain).<sup>26</sup> Reductive dehalogenases are the enzymes produced by DMC that allow for respiration of chlorinated organics.

In line with the central dogma of microbiology, the genes for bioremediation may be present, but bioremediation may not be occurring. As a result, the mRNA or protein produced from these genes is a more appropriate indicator of organism activity.<sup>31</sup> Analysis of the mRNA transcripts or proteins for genes other than those directly involved in respiration may be able to give insight into conditions at the site. For example, targeting genes that are related to pH or O<sub>2</sub> stress could give an indication of why a contaminated site is not showing dechlorination when the DNA for the appropriate organisms is present.<sup>31</sup> Several studies have been conducted that examine the quantitative correlation between reductive dechlorination and specific rRNA transcripts.<sup>3–5,35–41</sup> Based on these studies, a preliminary suite of potential field biomarkers can be generated that includes RDases, including VC RDase enzymes that have been linked to successful biological dechlorination of VC to ethene in groundwater systems, and the Ni-Fe hydrogenase, HupL, which is the only predicted periplasm-facing hydrogenase in DMC.<sup>33</sup> The

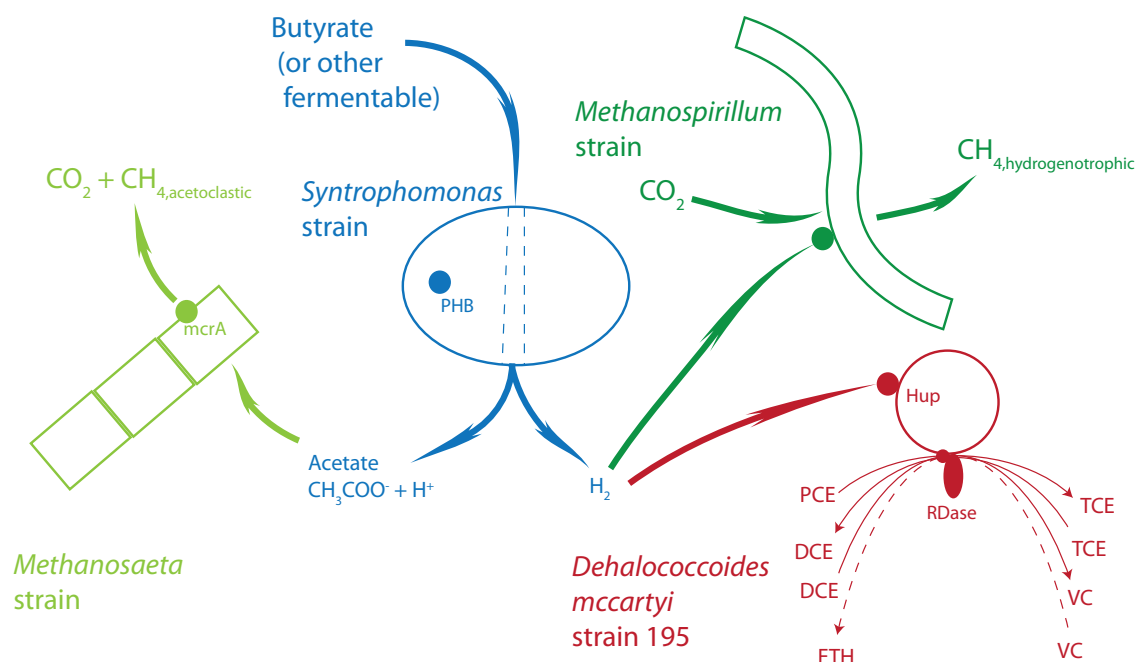
mechanism of VC dechlorination is important in bioremediation because VC is the most toxic of the chlorinated ethenes, and the VC to ethene step is often rate-limiting.<sup>33</sup> RNA and protein for genes linked to the VC to ethene step of reductive dechlorination (VcrA and BvcA) may serve as the most logical biomarkers for complete remediation of chlorinated ethenes.<sup>33</sup>

### ***1.E. Models of Reductive Dechlorination***

In addition to requiring halogenated organics as electron acceptors, all DMC strains require hydrogen as the electron donor. In the mixed community modeled in this study (D2), hydrogen is provided to DMC195, the only DMC strain present,<sup>42</sup> by fermentation of butyrate to acetate and hydrogen (Figure 1.2). There are many putative fermenters in this culture as assessed by 16S rRNA-based clone library, of which *Syntrophomonas* is a dominant member that is able to perform  $\beta$ -oxidation of butyrate to hydrogen and acetate.<sup>42,43</sup> The other key members of this mixed community are strains of the acetoclastic methanogen *Methanosaeta* (MS) and the hydrogenotrophic methanogen *Methanospirillum* (MHU).<sup>42</sup> Methanogens are common members of dechlorinating communities and methanogenesis is commonly stimulated at PCE/TCE-contaminated sites when fermentable electron donor is provided.<sup>44</sup>

As discussed in Chapter 2, biokinetic models are useful tools for forecasting contaminant conversion rates and studying mixed community dynamics such as anaerobic dechlorination supported by interspecies hydrogen transfer. Various models have been developed that describe reductive dechlorination of chlorinated ethenes.<sup>19,45–59</sup> Several of these models examined high chloroethene concentrations, and thus observed substrate inhibition or toxicity to the dechlorinator,<sup>48,51,55–58</sup> while others examined competitive inhibition among chloroethenes.<sup>46–49,53,54,57,59</sup> However, only two models have been presented that examine the syntrophic community as a whole: Fennell and Gossett<sup>45</sup> (on which this current study is based) and Lee et

al.<sup>47</sup> Additionally, with the exception of Schaefer et al. and Haest et al., component biomass levels in these models were calibrated to total protein (mg total protein) or milligrams volatile suspended solids (mgVSS) in the mixed cultures, and attempts were not made to experimentally quantify individual population components in the community utilizing molecular biology techniques.<sup>54,55</sup>



**Figure 1.2. Electron and metabolite flow in the *Dehalococcoides mccartyi* strain 195-containing mixed community D2 that is maintained at Cornell University.**

### **1.F. D2 vs. KB-1**

Several *Dehalococcoides*-containing mixed communities have been studied by various groups over the years. These mixed cultures differ in the *Dehalococcoides* strains they contain, and thus their degradation capabilities. Two mixed cultures that are able to degrade PCE/TCE to ethene are the D2 culture which is maintained at Cornell University, and the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> mixed culture that is commercially available for bioaugmentation at field sites<sup>60</sup> and was started from

the KB-1 mixed culture studied at the University of Toronto.<sup>61</sup> These KB-1 cultures differ from the D2 culture in that they contain more than one DMC strain, and are able to gain energy from the reductive dechlorination of VC to ethene.<sup>37,61</sup> It has been observed that multiple reductive dehalogenases are expressed in the KB-1 lab cultures when they are fed TCE, *cis*-DCE, VC or 1,2-dichloroethane, and that two RDases (VcrA and BvcA) are expressed under all the studied conditions.<sup>37</sup>

### **1.G. Proteomics**

Detection of low abundance protein biomarkers is difficult. Several studies have been conducted that examined the quantification of DMC genes and transcripts at a TCE-contaminated field site<sup>35</sup> and the quantitative correlation between reductive dechlorination and specific RNA transcripts.<sup>3-5,35-41</sup> Additionally, several studies have been conducted concerning the proteome of DMC.<sup>5,62-66</sup> Morris et al. examined the metaproteome of the DMC195 pure culture and three other DMC-containing cultures and discovered that HupL is one of the most highly expressed genes in all DMC strains.<sup>62,63</sup> Werner et al. developed a mass spectrometry-based Multiple Reaction Monitoring (MRM) method for absolute quantification of low abundance proteins in complex mixed microbial communities and compared the DMC195-containing mixed culture, D2, and the KB-1 mixed culture.<sup>64</sup> Rowe et al. expanded on this MRM method, and examined the quantitative correlation between reductive dechlorination and the expression of specific genes in DMC195. They also developed *in vivo* enzymatic rate parameters for key RDases TceA and PceA.<sup>5</sup> Previously, the use of proteomic methods in environmental samples has been prohibited by the lack of metagenomic data.<sup>67</sup> However, to date, the genomes of five DMC strains have been sequenced in addition to the metagenomes of three mixed DMC communities (D2, KB-1 and ANAS).<sup>68-72</sup> This allows for the generation of an extensive

reference database for against which to compare peptides for protein identification.

### ***1.H. Rationale for Approach***

DNA, mRNA and protein each have benefits and drawbacks as biomarkers. Proteins are the best indicator of potential for activity – they are the functional unit of activity. However, detection of low abundance protein biomarkers is difficult. Conversely, amplification of signal from DNA or mRNA does allow for detection of low abundance biomarkers. Additionally, mRNA can be considered a more sensitive biomarker as it has a much shorter half-life than DNA or protein and is less likely to produce residual signals (this also makes it more difficult to preserve and analyze samples that need to be transported to a lab from the field). Longer half-lives of DNA and protein can make inference of instantaneous activity difficult.

In addition to desiring biomarkers that are specific, robust and indicative of current activity, it would be helpful to have quantitative, high-throughput methods of measuring them. Along this vein, qRT-PCR and microarrays are well-established techniques for analysis. Although microarrays are high-throughput, they are only semi-quantitative. Proteomic methods are also high-throughput, but not as well established, and have not been documented in field samples with DMC previously.

### ***1.I. Research Objectives***

The main objective of this study is to test DNA, RNA and protein as specific and robust biomarkers of anaerobic reductive dechlorination by *Dehalococcoides* strains in predictive modeling, with mixed microbial cultures, and at a field site. The specific objectives undertaken to achieve this are:

- 1) Develop a mechanistic model of the D2 mixed community based on species-specific molecular biological data (DNA and RNA) that also incorporates competitive inhibition
- 2) Develop robust empirical relationships between mRNA levels and instant respiration rates. This will provide a suite of robust biomarkers of reductive dechlorination that target multiple strains of DMC.
- 3) Detect field proteomes for DMC (which has not yet been successfully done) and make a comparison of DNA, mRNA and protein biomarker detection in samples from a TCE-contaminated site in Ft. Erie, Canada.

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## CHAPTER 2:

### Molecular Biomarker-Based Biokinetic Modeling of a PCE-Dechlorinating and Methanogenic Mixed Culture

#### **2.A. Abstract**

Bioremediation of chlorinated ethenes via anaerobic reductive dechlorination relies upon the activity of specific microbial populations – most notably *Dehalococcoides* (DMC) strains. In the lab and field *Dehalococcoides* grow most robustly in mixed communities which usually contain both fermenters and methanogens. Recently, researchers have been developing quantitative molecular biomarkers to aid in field site diagnostics and it is hoped that these biomarkers could aid in the modeling of anaerobic reductive dechlorination. A comprehensive biokinetic model of a community containing *Dehalococcoides mccartyi* (formerly *D. ethenogenes*) was updated to describe continuously fed reactors with specific biomass levels based on quantitative PCR (qPCR)-based population data (DNA and RNA). The model was calibrated and validated with subsets of chemical and molecular biological data from various continuous feed experiments (n=24) with different loading rates of the electron acceptor (1.5 to 482  $\mu\text{eq/L-h}$ ), types of electron acceptor (PCE, TCE, *cis*-DCE) and electron donor to electron acceptor ratios. The resulting model predicted the sum of dechlorination products vinyl chloride (VC) and ethene (ETH) well. However, VC alone was under-predicted and ETH was over-predicted. Consequently, competitive inhibition among chlorinated ethenes was examined and then added to the model. Additionally, as 16S rRNA gene copy numbers did not provide accurate model fits in all cases, we examined whether an improved fit could be obtained if mRNA levels for key functional enzymes could be used to infer respiration rates. The resulting empirically-derived mRNA “adjustment factors” were added to the model for both DMC and the main methanogen in the culture (a *Methanosaeta* species) to provide a more nuanced prediction

of activity. Results of this study suggest that at higher feeding rates competitive inhibition is important and mRNA provides a more accurate indicator of a population's instantaneous activity than 16S rRNA gene copies alone as biomass estimates.

## **2.B. Introduction**

Tetrachloroethene (PCE) and trichloroethene (TCE) are two of the most common contaminants observed in soils, sediments and groundwater aquifers around the world.<sup>1</sup> *In situ* bioremediation is gaining in acceptance as a method for treating groundwater contaminated with PCE and TCE. The only isolated microorganisms known to completely dechlorinate PCE to non-toxic ethene (ETH) are strains of *Dehalococcoides* (DMC), through the process of anaerobic reductive dechlorination. However, DMC strains grow most robustly as part of a mixed microbial community (in both environmental systems and enrichment cultures), likely due to critical growth factors produced by other community members, higher *in situ* hydrogen levels as a result of interspecies hydrogen transfer, or protection from oxidative stress under shifting redox conditions.<sup>2-7</sup> In the process of reductive dechlorination, chlorine atoms are sequentially replaced by hydrogen atoms, forming TCE, dichloroethene (DCE), vinyl chloride (VC) and ethene. There are other genera of microorganisms that can catalyze different steps of PCE/TCE dechlorination; however, degradation stops at DCE. Understanding the factors affecting transformation of lesser-chlorinated ethenes is informative for the evaluation of natural attenuation and for the establishment of engineering procedures for remediation.<sup>8</sup>

In addition to requiring halogenated organics as electron acceptors, all DMC strains require hydrogen as the electron donor. In the mixed community studied (D2), hydrogen is provided to *Dehalococcoides mccartyi* strain 195 (DMC195), the only DMC strain present,<sup>9</sup> by fermentation of butyrate to acetate and hydrogen. There are many putative fermenters in this culture as assessed by 16S rRNA-based clone library, of which *Syntrophomonas* is a dominant

member that is able to perform  $\beta$ -oxidation of butyrate to hydrogen and acetate.<sup>9,10</sup> The other key members of this mixed community are strains of the acetoclastic methanogen *Methanosaeta* (MS) and the hydrogenotrophic methanogen *Methanospirillum* (MHU).<sup>9</sup> Methanogenesis is commonly stimulated at PCE/TCE-contaminated sites when excess fermentable electron donor is provided.<sup>11</sup>

Biokinetic models are useful tools for forecasting contaminant conversion rates and studying mixed community dynamics such as anaerobic dechlorination supported by interspecies hydrogen transfer. Various models have been developed that describe reductive dechlorination of chlorinated ethenes.<sup>12–27</sup> Several of these models examined high chloroethene concentrations, and thus observed substrate inhibition or toxicity to the dechlorinator,<sup>16,19,23–26</sup> while others examined competitive inhibition among chloroethenes.<sup>13,15–17,21,22,25,27</sup> However, only two models have been presented that examine the syntrophic community as a whole: Fennell and Gossett<sup>12</sup> (on which this current study is based) and Lee et al.<sup>15</sup> Additionally, with the exception of Schaefer et al. and Haest et al., all of these models were developed based on total protein (mg total protein per L) or milligrams volatile suspended solids (mgVSS) in the mixed cultures, and attempts were not made to experimentally quantify individual populations in the community utilizing molecular biology techniques.<sup>22,23</sup>

The objective of this study was to develop a biokinetic model utilizing molecular biologically-derived specific population levels that accurately predicts dechlorination, fermentation and methanogenesis under a variety of conditions in a DMC195-containing mixed culture (D2), that also incorporates relevant inhibition parameters. The model was tested with three chlorinated electron acceptors (PCE, TCE, *cis*-DCE) continuously fed to the culture at a variety of feed rates and varying electron donor to electron acceptor ratios. The fit of the model



to data sets was numerically evaluated for chloroethenes, butyrate, acetate, methane and hydrogen. In cases of poor model fits (methane, PCE or butyrate/acetate) mRNA expression data were examined to explore whether mRNA biomarkers more accurately reflect specific populations' activities. The mRNA targets chosen as biomarkers of methanogenesis and dechlorination were coenzyme-M reductase (McrA - MS) and a Ni/Fe hydrogenase (HupL - DMC), respectively. McrA is a subunit of a key functional enzyme in methane generation.<sup>28</sup> HupL is a hydrogenase found in all DMC strains. Previous work comparing HupL transcripts (mRNA per mL) to respiration rates showed a power relationship (on a log-log scale) with a correlation score (Pearson's  $r$ ) of 0.88 over three orders of magnitude.<sup>29-31</sup> The current study generated a similar empirical relationship for McrA transcripts versus methanogenesis and tested it in the biokinetic model as predictors of actual methanogenesis rates.

## **2.C. Materials and Methods**

### **2.C.1. Continuous Feed (Pseudo-Steady State) Experiments.**

An enrichment culture (D2) containing DMC195 was maintained on PCE and butyrate as described previously.<sup>32,33</sup> Subcultures (100-mL) of the D2 stock culture were established in 160-mL serum bottles, and continuous feed experiments were carried out as described previously.<sup>30,29,31</sup> Yeast extract and vitamin solution were pulse fed at the beginning of the experiment, and periodically thereafter as needed. Liquid and headspace samples were collected for sample analysis and to maintain the culture volume (no increase of more than 10%).<sup>31</sup> Experimental parameters for the continuous feed experiments are presented in Table A1.1 in Appendix I.

### **2.C.2. Analytical Methods.**

Chlorinated ethenes, ethene, and methane were analyzed from 100- $\mu$ L headspace samples via gas chromatography as described by DiStefano<sup>34</sup> and Smatlak,<sup>35</sup> and modified by Rahm and

Rowe.<sup>31,32</sup> Hydrogen was analyzed from 50- $\mu$ L headspace samples via reduction gas detector (RGD, Trace Analytical RGD2).<sup>33</sup> Butyrate and acetate were analyzed via a Dionex Ion Chromatograph (IC).<sup>36</sup>

### **2.C.3. Biokinetic Model.**

A comprehensive physiological model of the D2 mixed community<sup>12,37</sup> was reworked to include molecular biological data for population densities (cells/mL) and kinetic rate constants ( $\mu$ mole/cell-h), and updated to describe continuously fed reactors instead of batch microcosms. The model describes dechlorination, fermentation, competition for  $H_2$  by DMC and hydrogenotrophic methanogens, and generation of methane. It is based on Monod-type kinetics, and utilizes both  $H_2$  thresholds and thermodynamic limitations on butyrate fermentation.<sup>12</sup> Kinetic equations described by Fennell<sup>12,37</sup> still apply, except for the changes described below. The units of biomass have been changed from mgVSS to 16S rRNA gene copies, and this was incorporated into the kinetic constants as described below. The model keeps track of volatile compounds in both the gaseous and aqueous phases, and interphase transport is modeled using mass transfer coefficients, as described by Fennell.<sup>37</sup>

### **2.C.4. Cell Concentration Determination.**

Cell concentrations for *Dehalococcoides* ( $X_{DMC195}$ ), *Methanospirillum* ( $X_{MHU}$ ) and *Methanosaeta* ( $X_{Ms}$ ) were obtained using quantitative polymerase chain reaction (qPCR) for 16S rRNA genes specific to those populations. DNA extractions were performed using the UltraClean Microbial DNA Isolation Kit (Mo Bio Laboratories) or the AllPrep DNA/RNA Mini Kit (Qiagen). 16S rRNA gene copies were quantified by amplification of DNA with iQ SYBR Green Supermix (Bio-Rad) and primers as described previously.<sup>32,31,9,38</sup> Triplicate amplifications of all samples were conducted on the iCycler iQ Multicolor Real-Time PCR Detection System

(Bio-Rad). Transcript levels were determined with the help of Data Analysis for Real-Time PCR (DART-PCR), available at <http://www.gene-quantification.de/download.html#dart>.<sup>30,39</sup> Number of copies were converted to cells by dividing by the number of copies of the 16S rRNA gene in the available genomes of the same genus as well as the D2-specific metagenome (available at JGI IMG <http://img.jgi.doe.gov>). DMC195 has one 16S rRNA gene copy per genome, MHU was assumed to have four copies per genome, and MS was assumed to have two copies per genome. Fermenter population numbers were estimated by subtracting the DMC195, MHU, and MS population numbers from the total culture population as determined previously by FISH with DAPI counterstaining.<sup>9</sup>

### 2.C.5. Calculation of Kinetic Parameters.

Yield parameters for DMC195 were determined from growth experiments under non-limiting PCE concentrations over a 24-hour period.<sup>29</sup> Kinetic parameters for the dechlorinators ( $k_{\max}$  and  $K_S$ ) were calculated by nonlinear regression of Equation 1.  $k_{\max}$  and  $K_S$  for VC were calculated from batch experiments where triplicate bottles were fed increasing amounts of VC as in Yu, 2005<sup>17</sup>, but with the inclusion of hydrogen as a second limiting substrate as in Fennell.<sup>12</sup> The generic equation for microbial transformation of a chloroethene is:

$$\frac{\frac{dM_{W,CE}}{dt}}{\frac{(C_{W,H_2} - H_2 Threshold_{DMC195})}{K_{S,H_2,DMC195} + (C_{W,H_2} - H_2 Threshold_{DMC195})} * X_{DMC195}} = -\frac{k_{CE} C_{W,CE}}{K_{S,CE} + C_{W,CE}} \quad (1)$$

where  $k_{CE}$  is the maximum specific rate of chloroethene utilization ( $\mu\text{mol}/\text{cell}\cdot\text{h}$ );  $C_{W,CE}$  is the aqueous chloroethene concentration ( $\mu\text{mol}/\text{L}$ );  $K_{S,CE}$  is the half velocity constant for chloroethene use ( $\mu\text{mol}/\text{L}$ );  $M_{W,CE}$  is the total amount of chloroethene (PCE, TCE, DCE or VC) in the aqueous phase ( $\mu\text{mol}$ );  $X_{DMC195}$  is the total DMC195 biomass contained in the serum bottle (cells);  $C_{W,H_2}$  is the aqueous  $H_2$  concentration ( $\mu\text{mol}/\text{L}$ );  $K_{S,H_2,DMC195}$  is the half-velocity constant

for H<sub>2</sub> use by DMC195 (μmol/L); and H<sub>2</sub> Threshold<sub>DMC195</sub> is the thermodynamic threshold for H<sub>2</sub> use by dechlorinators (μmol/L).<sup>12</sup>

$k_{\max}$  for the methanogens was calculated using Equation 2.  $K_S$  values for the methanogens and fermenters were the same as those utilized in the original model.<sup>12</sup>  $k_{\max}$  values for the hydrogenotrophic and acetoclastic methanogens were determined experimentally in batch cultures that were fed H<sub>2</sub>/CO<sub>2</sub> only or acetate only, respectively. The generic equation for methanogenesis is:

$$\frac{d[CH_4]}{dt} = \frac{k_{\max} X S}{K_S + S} \quad (2)$$

where [CH<sub>4</sub>] is the total amount of methane in the bottle (μmol); X is the total methanogen biomass (acetoclastic or hydrogenotrophic) contained in the serum bottle (cells); S is the limiting substrate (acetate or H<sub>2</sub>) concentration (μmol/L);  $k_{\max}$  (μmol/cell-h) and  $K_S$  (μmol/L) are the maximum specific rate of substrate utilization and half velocity coefficients for methanogenesis (acetoclastic or methanogenic), respectively. Modeling of hydrogenotrophic methanogenesis also includes a hydrogen threshold (8 nM) as described by Fennell.<sup>12</sup>

Modeling of electron donor fermentation includes a factor ( $\Phi$ ) incorporating the influence of the thermodynamics of product formation ( $\Delta G_{rxn}$  and  $\Delta G_{critical}$ ) on the rate of fermentation as in Fennell et al.<sup>12</sup>  $\Phi$  was calculated from pseudo steady-state experiments in which butyrate was pulse-fed and butyrate, acetate, and H<sub>2</sub> were measured. The equation for fermentation is:

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = \frac{-k_{\max} X_{ferm} S \Phi}{K_S + S} \quad \text{where } \Phi = 1 - \exp\left(\frac{\Delta G_{rxn} - \Delta G_{critical}}{RT}\right) \quad (3)$$

where  $X_{ferm}$  is the total fermenter biomass (assumed to be *Syntrophomonas*) contained in the serum bottle (cells); S is the mass of electron donor (butyrate) in the bottle;  $k_{\max}$  (μmol/cell-h) and  $K_S$  (μmol/L) are the maximum specific rate of substrate utilization and half velocity

coefficients for fermentation, respectively.

In order to determine the yield (Y) in units of cells/ $\mu\text{mol}$ , the specific growth rates ( $\mu$ , per hour) for the methanogens and fermenters were calculated using the original values for  $k_{\text{max}}$  and yield (4.9  $\mu\text{mol}/\text{mgVSS}\cdot\text{h}$  and 0.00279  $\text{mgVSS}/\mu\text{mol}$ , respectively) that were used in the Fennell model.<sup>12</sup> A new yield (cells per  $\mu\text{mole}$  substrate) was then calculated using that specific growth rate, and the newly calculated  $k_{\text{max}}$  using Equation 4.

$$\mu = \frac{Yk_{\text{max}}S}{K_s + S} - b \quad (4)$$

where b is the decay parameter which was assumed to be 0.001 per hour.<sup>12</sup>

The nonlinear regressions and 95 percent confidence intervals for the kinetic parameters were calculated using the Curve Fitting Toolbox in MATLAB (Math Works) (Table 2.1, Figure A1.1).

**Table 2. 1. Kinetic Parameters Used for Modeling**

	kmax	95% Confidence Interval		Ks	95% Confidence Interval		Yield	Units in terms of:	16S rRNA gene copies /cell	Cells/mL culture
	$\mu\text{mol}/\text{cell}\cdot\text{h}$	Lower	Upper	$\mu\text{mol}/\text{L}$	Lower	Upper	cells/ $\mu\text{mol}$			
H <sub>2</sub> -Methanogens	9.4E-10	n/a	n/a	0.5 <sup>35</sup>	n/a	n/a	6.08E+07	H2	4	1.70E+08
Ac-Methanogens	3.3E-09	2.6E-09	3.9E-09	557	236	878	4.19E+05	acetate	2	5.65E+07
Fermenters	1.1E-08	8.8E-09	1.4E-08	261	154	454	1.26E+06	butyrate	3	1.64E+07
DMC-PCE	3.5E-10	3.0E-10	4.1E-10	22	14	34	1.60E+08 <sup>29</sup>	chloride or H2	1	2.73E+08
DMC-TCE	2.2E-10	1.8E-10	2.6E-10	0.18	0.074	0.40	1.60E+08 <sup>29</sup>	chloride or H2	1	“
DMC-DCE	2.2E-10	1.8E-10	2.6E-10	2.9	0.89	12	1.60E+08 <sup>29</sup>	chloride or H2	1	“
DMC-VC	1.0E-10	6.7E-11	1.5E-10	101	21	314	0	-	1	“

## 2.C.6. Inhibition Parameters.

A competitive inhibition model was parameterized by conducting batch experiments in which two electron acceptors were fed concurrently at varying concentrations (as in Yu, 2005).<sup>17</sup>

Butyrate was fed in excess to prevent hydrogen being rate-limiting. Competitive inhibition was then included in the model using the following equation

$$\frac{dM_{W,CE}}{dt} = -\frac{k_{CE}X_{DMC195}C_{W,CE}}{K_{S,CE}\left(1 + \frac{S_{I,1}}{K_{I,1}} + \frac{S_{I,2}}{K_{I,2}}\right) + C_{W,CE}} \quad (5)$$

where  $S_{I,1}$  and  $S_{I,2}$  are the aqueous concentrations of chloroethenes that inhibit the chloroethene of interest ( $\mu\text{mol/L}$ ). The inhibition constants of each chloroethene are expressed as  $K_{I,1}$  and  $K_{I,2}$  ( $\mu\text{mol/L}$ ), and were set to the respective half-saturation constants from uninhibited experiments, as done previously.<sup>17,16</sup>

A Haldane inhibition model for acetoclastic methanogenesis was parameterized by conducting batch experiments in which only acetate was fed at varying concentrations. The kinetic equation for acetoclastic methanogenesis was modified to include this parameter as follows:

$$\frac{d[CH_4]}{dt} = \frac{k_{\max}XS}{K_s + S + \frac{S^2}{K_I}} \quad (6)$$

#### **2.C.7. Estimating Fermentable Electron Equivalents Provided by Yeast Extract (YE) and Endogenous Decay of Biomass.**

Endogenous decay was included as a source of hydrogen in the model as previously described, but with a conversion from cell numbers to mg VSS (by morphology, making assumptions of % dry weight per cell) and then to  $\mu\text{mol}$  butyrate.<sup>12,2,40</sup> Electron equivalents (eeqs) provided by yeast extract were calculated from batch reactors fed yeast extract and PCE only. Total reduction products ( $H_2$ , lesser chlorinated ethenes, organic acids and methane) were summed after 24 hours, and the eeqs provided per  $\mu\text{L}$  of yeast extract were calculated.

#### **2.C.8. Evaluation of Fit.**

The fit of the model to experimental data was evaluated using Pearson's chi-squared ( $\chi^2$ ) test for goodness of fit, calculated using Matlab.

#### **2.C.9. Evaluation of mRNA Expression.**

RNA extractions were performed using the bacterial protocol of the RNeasy Mini Kit (Qiagen) or the AllPrep DNA/RNA Mini Kit (Qiagen) with modifications and DNase treatments as previously described.<sup>32</sup> For the genes of interest from MS and *Syntrophomonas* (McrA and PHB Synthase, respectively), homologs were found within the D2 metagenome available at <http://img.jgi.doe.gov> under "PCEOT." Primers were designed for the D2 metagenome homolog using IDT PrimerQuest, and were then checked for specificity using BLAST with the nucleotide collection (nr/nt) database (McrA-F: 5'-AACAATCCAGCCATGCAGCAGTTC-3', McrA-R: 5'-TGTTGATGGTCTCGGGTGTGACTT-3', PHB-F: 5'-TTGCCAAACGCATAGTGAGCAAGG-3' and PHB-R: 5'-TTCCACAAATGCGGTCATGCCTTC-3'). Expression of the hydrogenase HupL in DMC195 was evaluated using primers described previously.<sup>41</sup>

### **2.D. Results and Discussion**

#### **2.D.1. Calculation of Kinetic Parameters.**

The Monod curves for PCE, TCE, *cis*-DCE and VC transformation, and fermentation, and a Haldane model for acetoclastic methanogenesis by the D2 culture are shown in Figure A1.1. The curves show good fits for all metabolites. Table 2.1 presents  $k_{\max}$  and  $K_S$  values for the D2 culture for each process included in the model.

For comparison, kinetic parameter values from the literature were recalculated according to Duhamel et al.<sup>2</sup> assuming protein content of 50% and conversion factors of  $4.2 \times 10^{-15}$  and  $7.4 \times 10^{-14}$  g dry weight of cell per 16S rRNA gene copy for DMC195 and *Syntrophomonas*, respectively. In the literature,  $k_{\max}$  values for chloroethenes ranged from  $6 \times 10^{-14}$  to  $6.5 \times 10^{-9}$

$\mu\text{mol}/\text{cell}\cdot\text{h}$ .<sup>12,16,42,23,14,6</sup> The  $k_{\text{max}}$  and yield values for butyrate fermentation by *Syntrophomonas* were  $2.8 \times 10^{-9} \mu\text{mol}/\text{cell}\cdot\text{h}$  and  $3.1 \times 10^6 \text{ cells}/\mu\text{mol}$ , respectively.<sup>43</sup>

Substrate inhibition of acetate was observed for acetoclastic methanogenesis (Figure A1.1F), and model fits suggested a  $K_i$  of 17.2 mM (95% CI of 6.0 to 28.4 mM). Haldane inhibition was also examined for the chloroethenes (PCE in particular), as it was included in the model presented by Yu.<sup>16</sup> It was found that at the range of PCE concentrations observed in this study, substrate inhibition was not applicable – a  $K_i$  of 4 mM was calculated, which is much higher than the highest observed PCE concentration, and the saturated PCE concentration of 904  $\mu\text{M}$ . Observed inhibition was highest in experimental bottles where PCE reached saturating levels (HLH1\_INHIB and HLH2\_INHIB in Table A1.1) but this is more likely attributable to solvent toxicity than to true substrate inhibition.

#### **2.D.2. Fate of Electron Donor eeqs.**

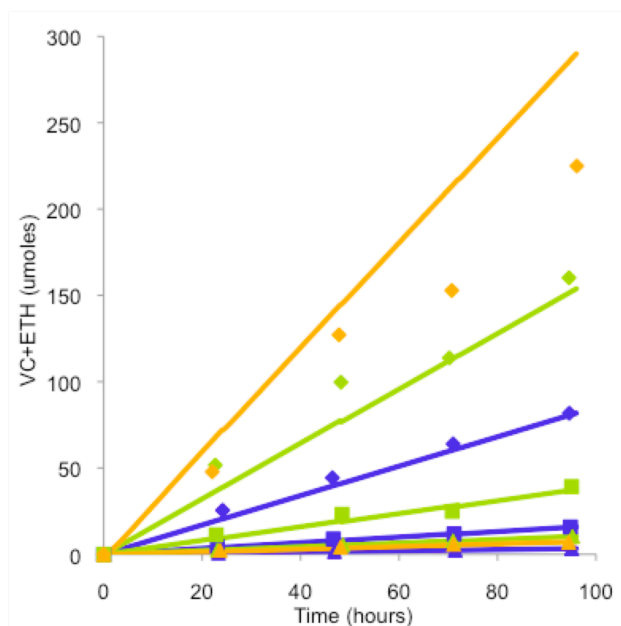
In the D2 mixed culture, butyrate is fermented to acetate and hydrogen, and methane is produced from both acetate and hydrogen. Hydrogen is also used for anaerobic reductive dechlorination. Calculated from model results, 80-90% of the methane produced was from acetate, as long as the culture was not electron donor limited (consistent with previous findings).<sup>11</sup> When electron donor was limited (no butyrate or yeast extract provided) a small amount of methane was produced, but nearly all of it (99%) was from acetate. Hydrogen is also used by the dechlorinators to reductively dechlorinate the chloroethenes. Depending on the ratio of electron donor to electron acceptor, between 8 and 76% of the hydrogen eeqs were used for dechlorination, as calculated from model results. (At a low electron donor to electron acceptor ratio, more eeqs were used for dechlorination and at a higher ratio, more eeqs were available for methanogenesis). Experimental results are discussed in more detail by Rowe.<sup>31</sup>



### 2.D.3. Model Fits

*“Bare bones” model (no competitive inhibition, no eqs from yeast extract, no endogenous decay).*

The “bare bones” model is the Fennell model<sup>12</sup> converted to include molecular biological data for population densities and kinetic rate, and updated to describe continuously fed reactors. As shown in Figure 2.1, VC+ETH was predicted fairly well in the “bare bones” model (no competitive inhibition, no eqs from yeast extract, no endogenous decay) over a wide range of feeding rates (1.5 to 183  $\mu\text{eq/L-h}$ ), and for all electron acceptors fed (PCE, TCE, *cis*-DCE). As done previously for DMC195<sup>30</sup>, VC and ethene were plotted together because in DMC195, the VC to ethene step is cometabolic, and no energy is produced.<sup>6,44,45</sup> However, as the feeding rate increased, the  $\chi^2$  value also increased ( $\chi^2$  values are presented in Table A1.2, ‘No INH’ column). At the lowest feeding rates, the  $\chi^2$  value ranged from 0.014 to 0.58. At the medium feeding rates, the  $\chi^2$  value ranged from 0.33 to 1.9. At the highest feeding rate for PCE (HLH3), VC+ETH was not predicted as well, with a  $\chi^2$  value of 122, whereas for *cis*-DCE (D3A2) and TCE (T3A1) the high feeding rate  $\chi^2$  values were 10 and 1.7, respectively. Poor fits at higher feeding rates were likely caused by competitive inhibition of PCE degradation by buildup of TCE and/or DCE, which normally are below detection limits (20-40 nM aqueous) at low feeding rates. At low feeding rates ( $\sim 2\text{-}10 \mu\text{eq/L-h}$ ), the respiration rate was generally equal to the feeding rate – the concentration of substrate limited the reaction rate (first-order kinetics). However, at higher feeding rates, the concentration of substrate no longer limited the reaction rate (zero-order kinetics) and higher chlorinated ethenes accumulated to detectable levels.

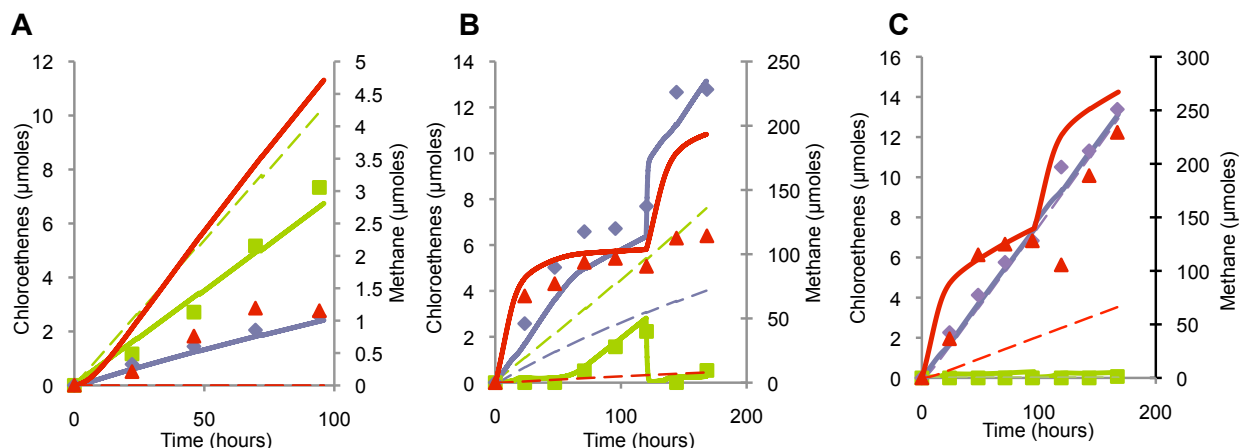


**Figure 2. 1. VC+ETH model predictions (lines) as compared to experimental data (points) for high (diamond or solid line), medium (square or long dashed line) and low (triangle or short dashed line) feeding rates of PCE (orange), TCE (blue) or DCE (green). The VC+ETH is a running total for bottles with high feeding rates that were purged when VC+ETH > 50  $\mu$ mole/bottle (0.5 mM nominal). Bottles included in the figure are HLH3, HLL1, T3A1, T3B1, T3C1, D3A2, T3B2, T3C2.**

*Inclusion of electron equivalents from yeast extract and biomass endogenous decay.*

Three experiments that were fed PCE at low feeding rates ( $\sim 5 \mu\text{eq/L-h}$ ) were used to examine the inclusion of eeqs from yeast extract and biomass endogenous decay: no electron donor or yeast extract added (P0FY01), no electron donor, but with yeast extract added (P0FYY1), and an experiment with butyrate and yeast extract added (HLL1). Even when no butyrate was fed it was observed that dechlorination and methanogenesis did occur (Figure 2.2A,B). In fact, researchers have suggested that endogenous decay of *in situ* biomass can fuel dechlorination.<sup>46</sup> Consequently, endogenous decay and available eeqs from yeast extract ( $\sim 1.5 \mu\text{eq}/\mu\text{L}$  fed) were included in the model. As shown in Figure 2.2, the addition of eeqs from endogenous decay to the case where no electron donor and no yeast extract were fed to the culture resulted in accurate prediction of PCE and VC+ETH (Figure 2.2A). Though methane was

greatly overpredicted in the endogenous decay only example, in any experiment where an electron donor was added (yeast extract or butyrate) this overprediction became insignificant (Figures 2.2B and C).



**Figure 2. 2. Effects of inclusion of endogenous decay and yeast extract eqs to the model. In each case the points are experimental data, the dashed lines are model predictions without inclusion of endogenous decay or yeast extract eqs, and the solid lines are model predictions including endogenous decay and/or yeast extract eqs, as appropriate. PCE is shown in green (squares), VC+ETH is blue (diamonds), and methane is red (triangles). TCE and DCE are not shown as their concentrations were consistently an order of magnitude lower than PCE.**

**A – experiment with no electron donor, showing addition of variable endogenous decay (P0FY01)**

**B – experiment with no electron donor, fed YE at 0 & 120 hours (P0FYY1)**

**C – experiment with continuous feed of butyrate as electron donor, fed YE at 0 & 100 hours (HLL1)**

Figure 2.2B shows that PCE, VC+ETH or methane were not predicted well in the case where yeast extract was provided to the culture and variable endogenous decay was the sole source of reducing equivalents in the model. However, when reducing equivalents were also provided by yeast extract in the model, all the fits improved.

Figure 2.2C shows that when both butyrate and yeast extract were fed, a model that doesn't include eqs from yeast extract predicted PCE and VC+ETH well, but not methane. The addition of eqs from endogenous decay and yeast extract to the model greatly improved the methane fit.

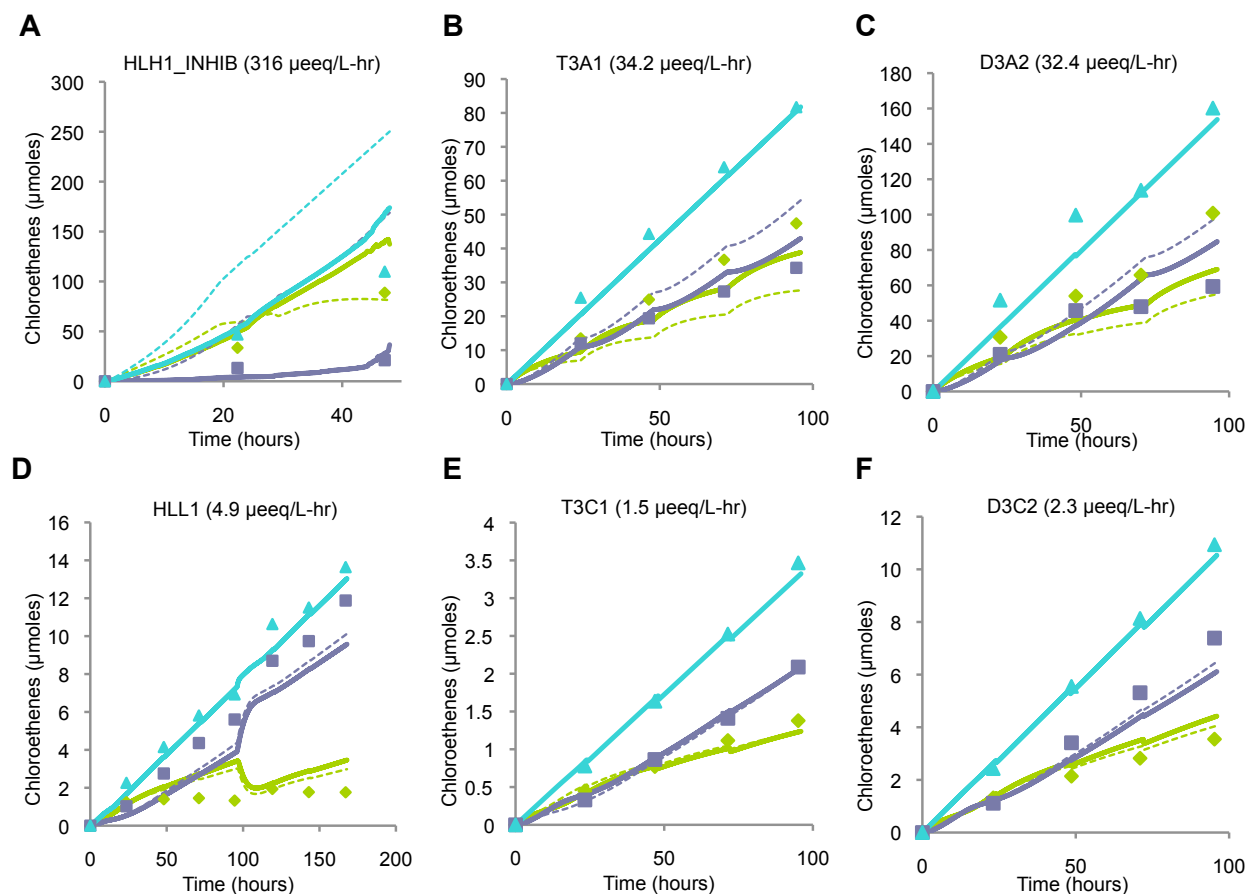
### *Inclusion of competitive inhibition.*

Though VC+ETH was generally predicted well in the model (“bare bones” and with endogenous decay and yeast extract eqs), VC and ETH individually were not predicted well – especially at higher electron acceptor feed rates. Experiments were conducted to develop a competitive inhibition model for DMC195. Results of inhibition studies are shown in the Supporting Results Section in Appendix I and Figure A1.2. The observed inhibition patterns among chloroethenes are summarized in Figure A1.3.

Previously, inhibition models were proposed for the PM and EV mixed cultures, maintained on TCE and PCE, respectively,<sup>17,16</sup> and the commercially available Shaw SDC-9 culture,<sup>27</sup> which contain different DMC strains than the D2 mixed culture (though all three contain a DMC strain that produces TceA and VcrA). All three inhibition models showed TCE inhibition of DCE and VC degradation. The most significant difference was that in our mixed culture (and the PM and EV mixed cultures), there was a strong inhibition of the VC to ETH step by DCE, and this was not shown in the Popat inhibition model.<sup>17,16,27</sup> The differences in these inhibition models are likely due to strain-specific reductive dehalogenases catalyzing the step-wise reductive dechlorination of PCE to ethene. However, it was surprising to see a similar trend in TCE inhibition of VC in cultures (PM, EV and Shaw SDC-9, e.g.) that contain a separate VC-specializing RDase (VcrA or BvcA). As done previously, measured  $K_s$  values reported above were used as putative competitive inhibition constants in the model, as shown in Equation 5.<sup>17,16</sup>

The community model was run both with and without competitive inhibition, and the fits compared. Inclusion of competitive inhibition in the model improved the overall fit for VC and ETH individually at higher feeding rates (Figures 2.3A-C), without affecting good fits at lower feeding rates (Figures 2.3D-F).  $\chi^2$  values are presented in Table A1.2 and model fits for all

metabolites and experiments are presented in Figure A1.6.



**Figure 2. 3. Model fits (lines) compared to data for high (A-C) and low (D-F) feeding rates and differing electron acceptors. Solid lines include competitive inhibition and dashed lines do not. For the high feeding rates, the data/model fits are running totals of purge events. Green/diamonds are VC, purple/squares are ETH, and blue/triangles are VC+ETH. TCE and DCE are not shown as their concentrations were consistently an order of magnitude lower than PCE. Note different y-axis scales.**

#### *Biomass predictions.*

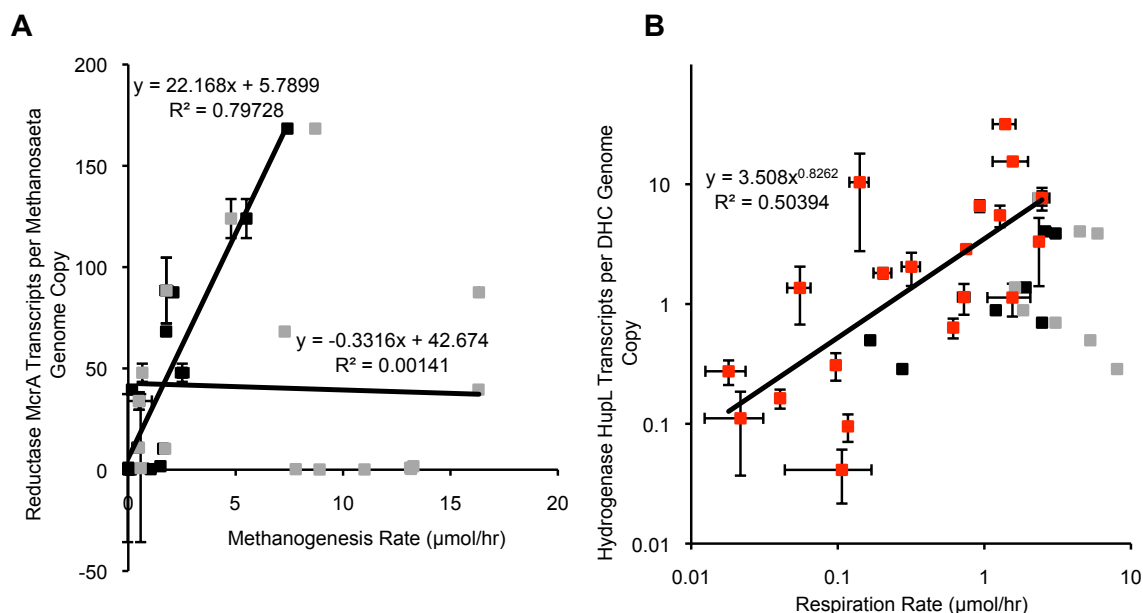
Average 16S rRNA gene copy numbers from the experiments listed in Table A1.1 were used for estimating biomasses in running the model. These were  $2.73 \pm 2.37 \times 10^8$  cells/mL,  $1.64 \pm 1.58 \times 10^7$  cells/mL,  $1.70 \pm 1.32 \times 10^8$  cells/mL, and  $5.65 \pm 6.14 \times 10^7$  cells/mL for DMC195, fermenters (*Syntrophomonas* sp.), MHU and MS, respectively, where the range indicates standard deviation across samples collected over a two year period. Though clone libraries suggested several candidate fermenters, microarray data (unpublished results), metagenome

libraries and metaproteome spectral counts suggested *Syntrophomonas* to be a dominant representative (JGI IMG/M ER: <http://img.jgi.doe.gov/mer>).

Biomass predictions of the model compared as percent change over the experimental time course were generally good (Figure A1.4). Biomass predictions failed at high PCE feeding rates (HLH1, HLH2 and HLH3), when population abundance (measured as 16S rRNA gene copies) becomes decoupled from population activity, assessed by measurement of respiration products.<sup>6</sup>

#### **2.D.4. mRNA Biomarkers.**

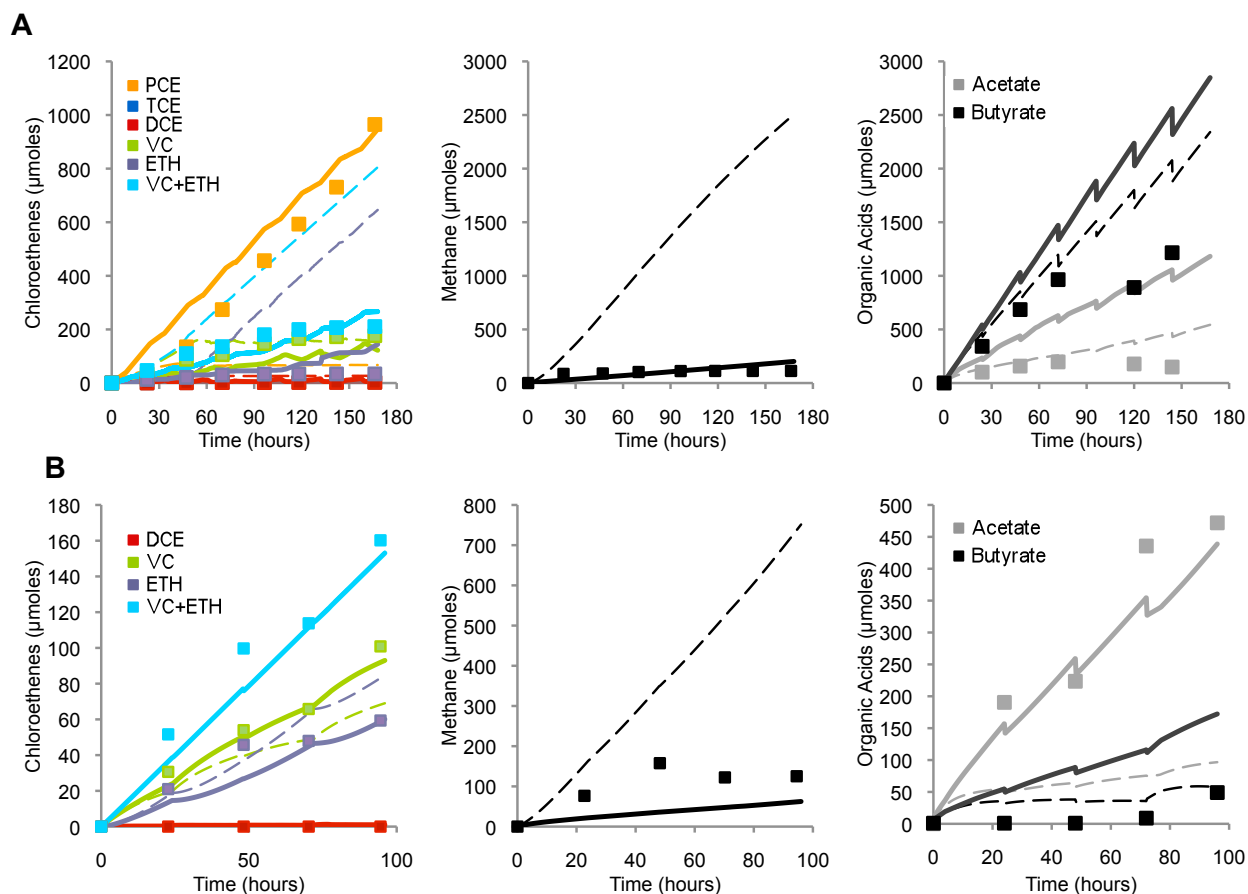
The model based on 16S rRNA gene copies is an advancement over mgVSS or mg protein-based models, but there are several cases where it over-predicts DMC195 and methanogen activity, especially at higher feeding rates where model fits and biomass predictions are poor (Figure 2.5, dashed lines, and Figure A1.4, respectively). Poor fits for methanogenesis can potentially be explained by toxicity to *Methanosaeta* in cultures when DCE or PCE levels build up (DCE fed experiments or high PCE feeding rates).<sup>47</sup> As stated above, 80-90% of the total methane produced is thought to be by acetoclastic methanogens. As a metric of instant metabolic activity, we monitored transcript levels of a key gene at the end of MS's methanogenesis pathway – McrA.<sup>28</sup> A linear trend is observed for the plot of McrA expression in units of mRNA copies/DNA copy versus actual methanogenesis rate (slope=22.2,  $R^2=0.80$ ), but not for McrA expression versus model-predicted respiration rate, indicating that mRNA biomarkers are more sensitive indicators of actual activity than MS 16S rRNA gene copy numbers (Figure 2.4A).



**Figure 2. 4. (A) McrA expression as mRNA copies/DNA copy as compared to the actual methanogenesis rate (black squares) and the model-predicted methanogenesis rate (gray squares) and (B) HupL expression as copies/16S rRNA gene copies as compared to the actual respiration rate (red squares and black squares for inhibited bottles) and the model-predicted respiration rate for inhibited bottles (gray squares). In all cases the respiration rates were calculated over the last 24 hours of the experiment prior to sampling.**

Poor fits for chloroethenes (e.g., Figure 2.5, dashed lines) can be explained by solvent toxicity stress on DMC195 organisms at high chloroethene concentrations as solvents approach solubility limits. If HupL, a key hydrogenase, is used as representative of DMC195 activity as suggested in previous work,<sup>30,29,31</sup> a trend should be observed for HupL expression relative to chloroethene respiration rate. A trend is observed for all bottles with the exception of HLH1-2, HLH2-2 and HLH3-7, which have the highest feeding rates tested (316, 482 and 183  $\mu\text{eq/L-h}$ , respectively). Based on chloroethene timecourses, HLH1-2 and HLH2-2 were just beginning to be inhibited after 2 days - for the first 24 hours, the model predictions were fairly good, but then the PCE concentrations reached an inhibitory/toxic level, and the fits became much poorer (Figure 2.5). The chloroethene sampling frequency may not have been tight enough to capture a drop in respiration rate that correlated with the HupL expression measured at that time point.

Additionally, the HupL expression was lower for the 7-day samples than for the 2-day samples of HLH1 and HLH2, and in all cases was lower than for lower feeding rates, indicating that DMC195 was under stress, likely due to solvent toxicity. Even though HLH1-2, HLH2-2 and HLH3-7 are outliers for the trend observed for other bottles, when plotted with their actual respiration rate they are closer to the trend line than when plotted with their model-predicted respiration rate (Figure 2.4B).



**Figure 2. 5. Timecourses for experiments HLH1 (A) and D3A2 (B) showing improved model fits (solid lines) when an mRNA adjustment factor is included in the model, as compared to the data (squares) and model fits before the mRNA adjustment factor was included in the model (dashed lines).  $\chi^2$  values for model fits are presented in Table A1.3.**

It was observed that at higher electron donor feeding rates, butyrate and/or acetate fits were poor and that many butyrate eqs were unaccounted for in the measured metabolic products (Figure 2.5 and Figure A1.5). *Syntrophomonas* has been shown to produce polyhydroxybutyrate



(PHB) granules to store alkanolic acids when they are exposed to a transient substrate supply, like the batch feeding of our mixed culture.<sup>48,49</sup> A key enzyme in PHB production is PHB synthase (3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydratase (Locus ID: Swol\_1936) in *Syntrophomonas*).<sup>50</sup> The homolog of this gene in the D2 metagenome is PCEOTH\_1714030. After designing new primers we looked at mRNA expression levels for PHB synthase in these experiments. It was observed that at higher electron donor feeding rates, which correspond to greater amounts of missing eqqs, PHB synthase expression was up-regulated relative to time zero (Figure A1.5).

#### 2.D.5. mRNA Adjustment of the Modeled Respiration Rates.

As shown above, mRNA is a more nuanced activity indicator that, if incorporated into the model, could improve predictions of an individual population's activity – particularly at high chloroethene feeding rates and/or concentrations. Incorporating mRNA into a kinetic model is challenging, however. The relationship between mRNA and kinetics is not directly mechanistic. Instead, mRNA biomarker levels for acetoclastic methanogenesis and reductive dechlorination were included as an adjustment factor on biomass activity as shown below in Equations 11 and 12, respectively.

$$\frac{d [CH_4]_{MS}}{dt} = MIN \left[ \frac{k_{max} X_{MS} S}{K_S + S + S^2/K_I}; \left( \frac{McrA_{transcripts}}{cell} * B \right) \right] \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{d Mw_{PCE}}{dt} = MIN \left[ \frac{k_{PCE} X_{DMC195} C_{W,PCE}}{K_{S,PCE} \left( 1 + \frac{C_{W,TCE}}{K_{I,TCE}} \right) + C_{W,PCE}} * \frac{(C_{W,H_2} - H_2Threshold_{DMC195})}{K_{S,H_2,DMC195} (C_{W,H_2} - H_2Threshold_{DMC195})}; \left( \frac{HupL_{transcripts}}{cell} * D \right) \right] \quad (12)$$

McrA/cell or HupL/cell are the mRNA expression levels measured just before the final time point of the experiment, when mRNA expression has typically reached a steady level in

continuous feed experiments.<sup>29–31</sup> B and D are the slopes in Figures 4A and 4B, respectively. A “switch” was also added to the model so that at lower feeding rates, when the expression may be lower than maximum, but the fit was good, the adjustment factor didn’t affect the model. The adjustment factor replaced the kinetic expression at high feeding rates, if the mRNA expression indicated that respiration was occurring at a rate lower than expected. Generally, at lower feeding rates first-order kinetics were observed – the substrate was rate limiting. But at higher feeding rates, zero-order kinetics were observed – the substrate was no longer rate limiting, and the reaction was going at  $k_{\max}$ . Some high feed rate cultures did not respire at  $k_{\max}$ , and so the adjustment factor was applied to model the suppressed respiration rates (i.e. HLH1, HLH2, HLH3, D3A2). Figure 2.5 shows timecourses for HLH1 and D3A2. Inclusion of the empirically-derived mRNA adjustment factor drastically improved the fit of the model to the data for both methanogenesis and dechlorination, as shown in Figure 2.5 with  $\chi^2$  values presented in Table A1.3. At lower feed rates McrA adjustment and DNA-based Monod kinetics predicted activity equally well (data not shown). mRNA levels can be used as part of a predictive tool.

In summary, a biokinetic model was developed based on qPCR-quantified 16S rRNA gene copies for population densities and kinetic rate constants that accurately predicts dechlorination, fermentation, methanogenesis and biomass changes under a variety of conditions. The model incorporates competitive inhibition of chloroethenes and mRNA expression data for key metabolic pathway enzymes. The model was tested with three electron acceptors (PCE, TCE, *cis*-DCE) at a variety of feed rates with varying electron donor to electron acceptor ratios. The use of mRNA as a biomarker of specific respiratory activity was especially valuable in cases of high chloroethene concentrations, where there was potential for toxicity to various community members and a purely biokinetic model overpredicted dechlorination and methanogenesis.

mRNA levels (McrA and HupL) served as good biomarkers of methanogenesis and dechlorination rates, and improved model fits significantly. This work demonstrates one possible strategy for bringing quantitative molecular biomarkers and biokinetic modeling in mixed cultures forward.

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## CHAPTER 3:

### Biomarkers of Reductive Dechlorination in Bioaugmentation Culture KB-1<sup>TM</sup>

#### 3.A. *Abstract*

Transcriptional biomarkers can be informative for the evaluation of natural attenuation and for the establishment of engineering procedures for remediation at contaminated sites – including those with chlorinated solvents PCE and TCE. The presence of daughter products, cis-dichloroethene (DCE), vinyl chloride (VC) or ethene, at a site indicates that reductive dechlorination has occurred sometime in the past. Site conditions could be such that it is not presently occurring or active organisms may no longer be present.

*Dehalococcoides mccartyi* (DMC) gene transcripts corresponding to 16S rRNA, the hydrogenase (H<sub>2</sub>ase) Hup, and reductive dehalogenases (RDases) TceA, VcrA and homologs to DET1545 in *Dehalococcoides mccartyi* strain 195 (DMC195) hold promise as potential biomarkers of the *in situ* dehalorespiration of chlorinated ethenes, as previously reported.<sup>1-3</sup> Here, we present quantitative reverse-transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (qRT-PCR) data taken from microcosms containing the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> consortium, operated under continuous, chlorinated ethene feed conditions, with the aim of clarifying relationships and creating more robust set of biomarkers that can be used at field sites bioaugmented with the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> culture. Candidate biomarkers from KB-1<sup>TM</sup> demonstrate a variety of trends in terms of transcript abundance as a function of respiration rate over a respiration rate range of  $7.7 \times 10^{-12}$  to  $5.9 \times 10^{-10}$   $\mu\text{eq/cell-hr}$ , with an average DMC population size of  $1.5 \times 10^8$  cells/mL. TceA transcripts were sparsely detected. Linear trends on a log-log plot were observed for VcrA, HupL and 16S rRNA, indicating a positive correlation between respiration rate and transcript abundance. Across strains of DMC, transcript abundances per cell were similar for the dominant RDases



(VcrA and RdhA5/DET1545 in KB-1<sup>TM</sup> and TceA in DMC195) as were 16S rRNA and HupL levels. Metaproteomic data supports the trends observed at the transcript level.

Additional experiments were conducted to quantify these biomarkers under stress conditions (presence of oxygen or low pH). Addition of stressors caused respiration rates to decrease significantly, whereas transcript abundances exhibited a slow decay (0.02-0.03 per hr) over the time period studied, indicating that transcript abundance alone cannot predict respiration rate in stressed conditions within hours to days following stress.

### **3.B. Introduction**

*In situ* bioremediation of groundwater contaminated with tetrachloroethene (PCE) and trichloroethene (TCE), two of the most common subsurface contaminants in the world, has gained acceptance as a valid treatment method.<sup>4</sup> The only organisms able to produce a non-toxic end-product (ethene) from PCE and/or TCE through the process of anaerobic reductive dechlorination are members of the genus *Dehalococcoides*.<sup>5-7</sup> *Dehalococcoides mccartyi* strain 195 (DMC195) can convert PCE to ethene.<sup>8-10</sup> *Dehalococcoides mccartyi* (DMC) strains FL2<sup>11</sup>, VS<sup>12-14</sup>, GT<sup>12</sup> and the multiple strains in the mixed culture KB-1<sup>15</sup> can convert TCE to ethene. DMC strain BAV1 can convert DCE to ethene.<sup>16</sup> Degradation of PCE or TCE by other species, or DMC strain CBDB1<sup>17-19</sup>, often stalls at DCE or VC, suspected and known carcinogens, respectively. The VC to ethene step is cometabolic for both DMC195 and DMC strain FL2.<sup>9,11</sup> 16S rRNA gene sequences are highly conserved among strains of DMC, forming a distinct phylogenetic group.<sup>4</sup> However, Hendrickson et al. divided them into three phylogenetic subgroups based on sequence signatures in hypervariable regions 2 and 6 of the 16S rRNA gene: the Cornell (DMC195), Victoria (DMC strain VS) and Pinellas (DMC strains CBDB1, BAV1, GT and FL2) subgroups.<sup>4,5,20</sup> Thus, evaluating natural attenuation and/or enhanced

bioremediation at a field site and establishing engineering procedures for remediation can be closely linked to an understanding of the organisms carrying out transformation of lesser-chlorinated ethenes.<sup>21</sup>

Finding daughter products at an anaerobic site, *cis*-DCE, VC or ethene, only indicates that reductive dechlorination has occurred sometime in the past. Site conditions could be such that it is not occurring now or active organisms may no longer be present.<sup>22</sup> To prove that bioremediation is occurring at a site, three criteria must be met: there must be a demonstrated loss of contaminant mass from the site, organisms that are capable of degrading the contaminant must be present, and the organisms must be expressing the capability to degrade the contaminant *in situ*.<sup>23</sup> The third piece of evidence is the most difficult to demonstrate conclusively. Biomarkers may serve as the key piece of evidence and may even inform quantitative forecasting of *in situ* rates of bioremediation.

Biomarkers are biomolecules (DNA, RNA or protein) that correspond to a specific microbial process or state. Several studies have been conducted regarding detection of 16S rRNA genes at field sites.<sup>4,24-28</sup> Hendrickson et al. observed that there is a strong correlation between the presence of the DMC 16S rRNA gene at a site, and the reductive dechlorination of chlorinated ethenes to ethene.<sup>4</sup> However, the presence of the 16S rDNA does not necessarily mean that complete dechlorination will occur – conditions may not be favorable and the capability for use of the various chloroethene electron acceptors differs among strains (phylogeny does not necessarily predict physiology), making it impossible to predict whether or not dechlorination will occur at a certain site without more information.<sup>4,28-31</sup> Additionally, there are numerous reductive dehalogenases (12-36 per strain) coded for in the genomes of each strain of DMC.<sup>5</sup> Reductive dehalogenases (RDases) are the enzymes produced by DMC that allow for

respiration of chlorinated organics. As a result, targeting the mRNA or protein produced from these genes may be better indicators of organism activity.<sup>29</sup> Analysis of the mRNA transcripts or proteins for genes other than those directly involved in bioremediation (e.g. stress response genes) may also be able to give insight into conditions at the site.

Several studies have been conducted that examine the quantitative correlation between reductive dechlorination and specific RNA transcripts.<sup>1-3,32-38</sup> Based on these studies, a preliminary suite of potential field biomarkers can be generated that includes RDases, especially VC RDase enzymes that have been linked to successful biological dechlorination of VC to ethene in groundwater systems, and other targets.<sup>30</sup> The mechanism of VC dechlorination is important in bioremediation because VC is the most toxic of the chlorinated ethenes, and the VC to ethene step is often rate-limiting.<sup>30</sup> Genes linked to the VC-to-ethene step of reductive dechlorination (VcrA, BvcA, etc.) may serve as useful biomarkers for complete remediation of chlorinated ethenes.<sup>30</sup>

The correlation between respiration rate and mRNA transcript number has been extensively studied for the Cornell mixed culture (D2).<sup>1-3</sup> However, due to the genetic similarity among *Dehalococcoides* strains, the variation in the electron acceptors they can reductively dechlorinate, and type and number of reductive dehalogenases they contain, finding robust biomarkers for reductive dechlorination of chloroethenes is challenging. To that end, we have expanded previous work with DMC195<sup>1-3</sup> to include similar studies with the *Dehalococcoides*-containing mixed culture KB-1<sup>TM</sup> that is commercially available for bioaugmentation at field sites. KB-1<sup>TM</sup> differs from the D2 culture in that it contains more than one DMC strain, some of which can gain energy from the reductive dechlorination of VC to ethene.<sup>34,39</sup> It has been observed that multiple reductive dehalogenases are expressed when the KB-1 lab cultures

maintained at the University of Toronto (in this paper referred to as KB1-UT) are fed TCE, *cis*-DCE, VC or 1,2-dichloroethane, and that two (*VcrA* and *BvcA*) are expressed under all studied conditions.<sup>34</sup> The development of a suite of robust biomarkers of reductive dechlorination, that allows for the variation (both phylogenetic and phenotypic) among different strains would assist in the application of *in situ* bioremediation at contaminated field sites. The ultimate objective is to be able to use mRNA levels of robust biomarkers to infer *in situ* respiration rates at field sites, including testing mRNA responses under common stresses to DMC activity.

### **3.C. Materials and Methods**

#### **3.C.1. Analytical Methods.**

Chlorinated ethenes, ethene, and methane were analyzed from 100- $\mu$ L headspace samples via gas chromatography as described by DiStefano<sup>40</sup> and Smatlak,<sup>41</sup> and modified by Rahm and Rowe.<sup>3,33</sup> Hydrogen was analyzed from 50- $\mu$ L headspace samples via reduction gas detector (RGD, Trace Analytical RGD2) or by a TCD at higher concentrations.<sup>42,43</sup> During the oxygen stress experiment, oxygen was analyzed via gas chromatography as described by Gossett.<sup>44</sup>

#### **3.C.2. Microbial Culture.**

KB-1<sup>TM</sup> culture was provided by SiREM Labs of Guelph, Ontario, Canada. The culture contains at least two DMC strains, a *Geobacter* strain, and a wide variety of other microorganisms.<sup>39,45,46</sup> A metagenome library is available for a related lab culture at the University of Toronto (DCKB1, <http://genome.jgi-psf.org/aqukb/aqukb.home.html>).

#### **3.C.3. Continuous Feed Experiments.**

Continuous (TCE) feed experiments were conducted as in Rowe 2012, with the exception that 100-mL subcultures of undiluted KB-1<sup>TM</sup> culture were used, and electron donor and a carbon source were pulse-fed as hydrogen gas and acetate, respectively, at the beginning of the

experiment, and periodically thereafter as needed (rather than continuously fed as with the D2 culture experiments in Rowe 2012).<sup>3</sup> Experimental parameters for the continuous feed experiments are presented in Table 3.1.

**Table 3. 1. Experimental Parameters**

Experiment	Culture Title	Length of Experiment (Hours)	EA	Calculated EA Feed Rate ( $\mu\text{eq/L-hr}$ )	ED	Carbon Source	Respiration Rate ( $\mu\text{eq/L-hr}$ )	Respiration Rate After Stress ( $\mu\text{eq/L-hr}$ )
KB1 2 Rates	K2A1	23.3	TCE	4.6	MeOH /EtOH	MeOH /EtOH	4.5	-
	K2A2	23.5		1.7			1.6	-
	K2C1	24.5		129			128.0	-
	K2C2	24.7		124			121.8	-
KB1 3 Rates	K3A1	26.7	TCE	16.4	H2	Acetate	16.0	-
	K3A2	27.0		16.6			16.5	-
	K3B1	27.2		42.8			35.3	-
	K3B2	27.4		39.3			30.5	-
	K3C1	27.6		99.9			46.7	-
	K3C2	27.8		98.2			62.5	-
Acid Stress	ACA1	19.7	TCE	9.5	H2	Acetate	1.3	-
	ACA2	43.8		3.1			1.5	1.9
	ACB1	30.8		2.8			1.6	0.4
	ACB2	31.0		2.5			1.4	0.5
	ACC1	44.0		2.3			1.5	0.2
	ACC2	44.2		0.6			1.0	-0.1
Oxygen Stress Batch	O2A1	20.0	TCE	-	H2	Acetate	59.6	-
	O2A2	48.6		-			71.2	29.9
	O2B1	27.1		-			69.0	0.4
	O2B2	27.3		-			71.6	0.4
	O2C1	192.7		-			68.2	2.5
	O2C2	192.8		-			76.6	2.2

### 3.C.4. Calculation of Respiration Rates.

Because the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> culture contains both a *Geobacter* strain, and at least two DMC strains, respiration rates were calculated differently from previous studies where DMC195 was the sole dechlorinator.<sup>3</sup> From the perspective of DMC respiration, it was conservatively assumed that the *Geobacter* strain was responsible for all TCE to DCE conversion, and that the DMC strains were solely responsible for all DCE to VC to ethene conversions. Additionally, for the D2 culture, the VC to ethene step is assumed to be co-metabolic,<sup>8</sup> whereas energy is gained from the VC to ethene step in the KB1-UT culture.<sup>34,39</sup> Consequently, in this study, respiration rates in

terms of electron equivalents (eeq) for DMC strains were based on measured chloroethenes and utilized the following formula for DCE:

$$rDCE = \frac{d(2 * VC + 4 * ETH)}{dt} \quad (1)$$

where rDCE is the DCE respiration rate ( $\mu\text{eq/L-hr}$ ), and VC and ethene are the vinyl chloride and ethene concentrations ( $\mu\text{mol/L}$ ), respectively.

### **3.C.5. Stress Experiments.**

Stress experiments were conducted both in batch and continuous feed modes.

#### *Oxygen Stress.*

Six subcultures were batch-fed electron acceptor, electron donor and a carbon source (TCE, hydrogen and acetate, respectively). After one feeding (and approximately 24 hours), the cultures were purged anaerobically, re-fed, and the stressor (1.6 mg/L aqueous oxygen) was added. One control was sacrificed for proteomic and microarray analysis just prior to purging, and a second, unstressed control was sacrificed after approximately 50 hours total. Duplicate experimental bottles were sacrificed for proteomic and microarray analysis approximately eight hours after the stressor was added. The final duplicate experimental bottles were sacrificed when the DMC populations were appearing to recover (VC and ethene were being produced). The second control was sacrificed approximately 24 after the second TCE spike so that the results were representative of an active culture, not an idle, inactive culture. At this point TCE was no longer present, but DCE and VC were.

#### *Acid Stress.*

Six subcultures were continuously fed electron acceptor (TCE), and batch-fed electron donor and a carbon source (hydrogen and acetate, respectively). After approximately 22 hours, the stressor (1 M HCl) was added, lowering the pH of the subcultures to  $\sim 5.3$ . One control was

sacrificed for proteomic and microarray analysis just prior to the addition of the stressor. The second control was sacrificed approximately 24 hours after the addition of the stressor (46 hours total). Duplicate experimental bottles were sacrificed 10 hours after the addition of the stressor, and the final duplicate experimental bottles were sacrificed approximately 24 hours after the addition of the stressor.

### **3.C.6. Nucleic Acid Extraction and Quantification.**

DNA and RNA extractions were performed using the AllPrep DNA/RNA Mini Kit (Qiagen) with modifications and DNase treatments as previously described.<sup>3,33</sup> Total DNA was quantified using the Quant-iT<sup>TM</sup> Picogreen<sup>®</sup> double stranded DNA assay (Invitrogen). RNA quality and quantity was analyzed using the Agilent 2100 BioAnalyzer. DNase treatment, cDNA synthesis, qPCR set up and qPCR run conditions were performed as previously described.<sup>1-3</sup> Prior to qPCR, all DNA and cDNA samples were diluted 1 to 5 with molecular grade water. Primers and annealing temperatures used in this study are listed in Table A2.1. Analysis of qPCR data was performed as outlined previously, utilizing luciferase mRNA quantities to estimate overall mRNA recovery and reverse transcription efficiency.<sup>38</sup> Transcript levels were calculated from raw fluorescence data using the Data Analysis for Real-time PCR (DART-PCR) method.<sup>1,47,48</sup> Long amplicons (for 16S, TceA, 1545, VcrA) or D2 mixed culture DNA extracts (for HupL) were used to generate standard curves for each target to convert  $R_0$  to copies. Primers and annealing temperatures used to generate long amplicons are listed in Table A2.2.

### **3.C.7. Proteomic Analysis.**

Protein extractions were performed on cell pellets of 50 mL culture (14,000 x g, 10 minutes). The culture was pelleted, decanted, and then frozen at -20°C. The frozen pellets were shipped overnight on dry ice to the Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory (EMSL) at the

Pacific Northwest National Laboratory for proteome extraction and analysis.

#### *Urea Sample Digestion.*

Cell pellets were resuspended in 9 M urea and vortexed into suspension. Each sample was added to a barocycle pulse tube (Pressure Biosciences Inc., South Easton, MA) and barocycled for 10 cycles (20 seconds at 35,000 psi and then back down to ambient pressure for 10 seconds) for cell lysis. The sample was transferred to a centrifuge tube and spun at 5,000 x g for 5 minutes to collect debris, and the supernatant was transferred to a fresh tube and assayed with bicinchoninic acid (BCA) (Thermo Scientific, Rockford, IL) to determine the protein concentration. The sample was then reduced with 10 mM dithiothreitol (DTT) (Sigma, St. Louis, MO) with incubation at 60°C for 30 minutes with constant shaking at 800 rpm. Samples were then diluted 10-fold for preparation for digestion with 100 mM  $\text{NH}_4\text{HCO}_3$ ; 1 mM  $\text{CaCl}_2$  and sequencing-grade modified porcine trypsin (Promega, Madison, WI) were added to all protein samples at a 1:50 (w/w) trypsin-to-protein ratio for 3 h at 37°C. The resulting peptides were cleaned using Discovery C18 (50 mg, 1 mL) solid phase extraction tubes (Supelco, St. Louis, MO), using the following protocol: 3 mL of methanol was added for conditioning followed by 2 mL of 0.1% TFA in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . The samples were then loaded onto each column followed by 4 mL of 95:5:  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ :ACN, 0.1% TFA. Samples were eluted with 1 mL 80:20 ACN: $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . The samples were concentrated down to ~30  $\mu\text{L}$  using a Speed Vac and a final assay was performed to determine the peptide concentration. An equal mass of each sample was aliquoted into fresh centrifuge tubes.

#### *TMT Isobaric Tag Labeling.*

The continuous-feed and stress experiments (sample sets of 6) were labeled using amine-reactive Thermo Scientific Tandem Mass Tag (TMT) Isobaric Mass Tagging Kits (Thermo



Scientific, Rockford, IL) according to the manufacturer's instructions.<sup>49</sup> Briefly, 41  $\mu$ L of anhydrous acetonitrile was added to each reagent (TMT 126 to 131), vortexed and allowed to dissolve for 5 minutes with occasional vortexing. Reagents were then added to the samples and incubated for 1 hour at room temperature. The tagging reaction was quenched by adding 8  $\mu$ L of 5% hydroxylamine to the sample with incubation for 15 minutes at room temperature. The samples within each set were then combined and dried in the Speed Vac to remove the organic solvents. Each of the 4 samples were then cleaned using Discovery C18 (50 mg, 1 mL) solid phase extraction tubes as described above and once again assayed with bicinchoninic acid to determine the final peptide concentration.

#### *2D-LC-MS/MS Analysis.*

The 2D-LC system was custom built using two Agilent 1200 nanoflow pumps and one 1200 capillary pump (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA), various Valco valves (Valco Instruments Co., Houston, TX) and a PAL autosampler (Leap Technologies, Carrboro, NC). Full automation was made possible by custom software that allows for parallel event coordination providing near 100% MS duty cycle through use of two trapping and analytical columns. All columns were manufactured in-house by slurry packing media into fused silica (Polymicro Technologies Inc., Phoenix, AZ) using a 1 cm sol-gel frit for media retention. The columns used consisted of a first dimension SCX column: 5- $\mu$ m PolySULFOETHYL A, 15-cm x 360  $\mu$ m outer diameter (o.d.) x 150  $\mu$ m inner diameter (i.d.) (PolyLC Inc., Columbia, MD); trapping columns: 5- $\mu$ m Jupiter C<sub>18</sub>, 4 cm x 360  $\mu$ m o.d. x 150  $\mu$ m i.d. (Phenomenex, Torrance, CA); and second dimension reversed-phase columns: 3- $\mu$ m Jupiter C<sub>18</sub>, 35-cm x 360  $\mu$ m o.d. x 75  $\mu$ m i.d. (Phenomenex, Torrance, CA). Mobile phases consisted of 0.1 mM NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (A) and 0.3 M NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (B) for the first dimension and 0.1% formic acid in water (A) and 0.1% formic acid in

acetonitrile (B) for the second dimension.

MS analysis was performed using a LTQ Orbitrap Velos ETD mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific, San Jose, CA) fitted with a custom electrospray ionization (ESI) interface. Electrospray emitters were custom made using 150  $\mu\text{m}$  o.d. x 20  $\mu\text{m}$  i.d. chemically etched fused silica.<sup>50</sup> The heated capillary temperature and spray voltage were 275°C and 2.2 kV, respectively. Data was acquired for 100 minutes, beginning 65 minutes after sample injection and 15 minutes into gradient. Orbitrap spectra (AGC  $1 \times 10^6$ ) were collected from 400-2000 m/z at a resolution of 60k followed by data dependent ion trap CID MS/MS (collision energy 35%, AGC  $3 \times 10^4$ ) of the ten most abundant ions. A dynamic exclusion time of 60 seconds was used to discriminate against previously analyzed ions.

#### *Data Analysis.*

MS/MS data was searched using SEQUEST against a peptide database constructed from a series of isolate genomes and metagenomic datasets and other known RDase sequences, using relatively conservative filters [Xcorr values of 1.9 (+1), 2.2 (+2), and 3.5 (+3)]. The following metagenomic data was used in these searches: *Dehalococcoides mccartyi* strains CBDB1 and 195, the KB1-UT metagenomic sequences (DCKB1 at JGI), *Geobacter lovleyi*, *Methanoregula boonei*, *Methanosaeta thermophila*, *Methanospirillum hungatei*, D2 metagenomic sequences (PCEDH and PCEOT at JGI), *Spirochaeta thermophila*, *Sporomusa* str. KB1, *Syntrophomonas wolfei*, and *Syntrophus aciditrophicus*. Resulting peptide identifications were filtered using an MS-GF<sup>51</sup> cutoff value to  $1 \times 10^{-10}$ .<sup>51</sup>

TMT ion intensities, acquired using the tool MASIC (MS/MS Automated Selected Ion Chromatogram), were used to measure relative peptide abundance in the continuous feed and stress experiment samples.<sup>49</sup> The intensity associated with each reporter ion is proportional to the

contribution of each of the component samples to the total peptide abundance. Aggregation of the relative abundance measurements for all peptides detected for a given protein can be used to measure the relative amounts of each of the identified proteins.

Relative protein quantities of biomarkers in shotgun proteomic samples were estimated by calculating the normalized spectral abundance factor (NSAF).<sup>52</sup> This technique adjusts for biases in peptide detection arising from protein length.<sup>53</sup>

### **3.C.8. Transcriptomic Analysis.**

The transcriptomic data for this study was generated using microarrays designed to capture all known DMC genes' transcripts.<sup>20</sup> In brief, 50 mL of each experimental KB-1<sup>TM</sup> culture was pelleted. The RNA was extracted and purified using a method previously outlined.<sup>1-3,54</sup> After DNA digestion by the Turbo<sup>TM</sup> DNase (Ambion) and quantification using the RNA 2000 kit on a Bioanalyzer (Agilent Technologies), the RNA was reverse transcribed using Superscript II (Invitrogen) with the substitution of the amino allyl-dUTP (Ambion) for a portion of the dTTP nucleotide concentration, as previously described.<sup>54,55</sup>

The resulting complementary DNA (cDNA) pool was base-hydrolyzed to remove residual RNA, purified using GFX Columns with sodium bicarbonate as the elution buffer (GE Healthcare), and quantified using a ThermoScientific NanoDrop 2000c. The purified cDNA was labeled with either cyanine-3 or -5 (GE Healthcare) for the control or experimental cultures, respectively.<sup>54</sup> The labeled cDNA was purified using an additional GFX Column with the manufacturer provided elution buffer. The final sample cDNA was quantified using the nanodrop. For each sample, 800 ng of both the experiment (Cy5) and the control (Cy3) was hybridized to a 2-Color Agilent 4 x 44 K microarray (GSE42136)<sup>20</sup>, as previously described.<sup>54</sup> The microarray was scanned using an Agilent Technologies Scanner (G2505C) with data

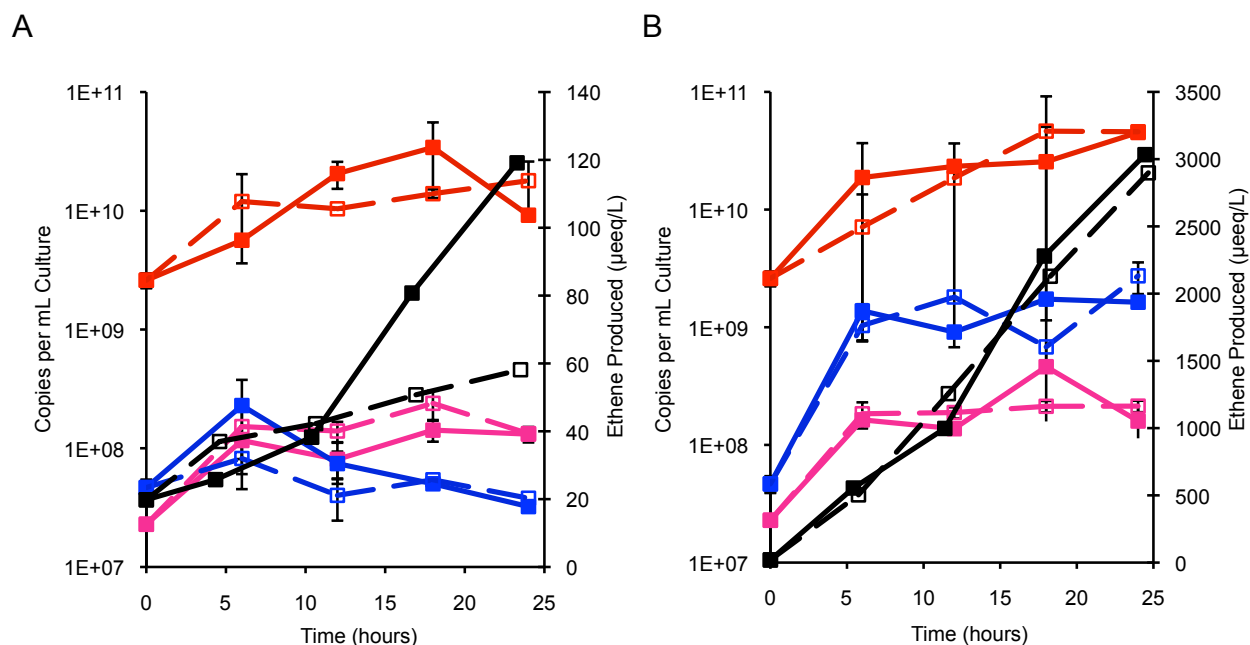
reported by Agilent Feature Extraction Software. The raw median intensity values were LOESS normalized within the array and replicate spots were geometrically averaged, as previously reported.<sup>54</sup> The raw and normalized data is freely available at the NCBI GEO Database (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/>) under the accession GSE42136.

### **3.D. Results and Discussion**

#### **3.D.1. Correlations Between mRNA Biomarkers and Respiration Rate.**

To relate DMC biomarkers to respiration rates in KB-1, subcultures were taken from the commercially available mixed culture provided by SiREM (KB-1<sup>TM</sup>). The subcultures were continuously fed electron acceptor (TCE) and batch fed electron donor and carbon source (hydrogen and acetate, respectively) in excess (Table 3.1). Over the course of these approximately 24-hour experiments RNA biomarkers reached a pseudo-steady-state (PSS) concentration, which occurred after an initial up-regulation period for mRNA biomarkers (Figure 3.1). Additionally, *Dehalococcoides* cell density did not change statistically over the experiments conducted (examples provided in Figure 3.1). Respiration rates ranged from 1.8 to 128  $\mu\text{eq/L-hr}$  ( $9.00 \times 10^{-13}$  to  $2.88 \times 10^{-12}$   $\mu\text{mol/cell-hr}$ ). These experiments extended previous work<sup>1-3</sup> in the DMC195-containing D2 mixed culture by generating biomarker response curves for a different *Dehalococcoides*-containing culture (KB-1<sup>TM</sup>), potentially increasing the robustness of certain biomarkers.

The biomarkers examined were 16S rRNA, HupL, TceA, a DET1545 homolog (an RDase of unknown function) and VcrA. Trends were previously determined for four of the five biomarkers examined for the D2 culture (with the exception of VcrA, as it is not found in the DMC195 genome for D2 metagenome).<sup>1-3</sup> On log-log plots, linear trends were observed for HupL and VcrA with correlation scores (Pearson's  $r$ ) of 0.945 and 0.819, respectively (Figures 3



**Figure 3. 1. Nucleic acid biomarker levels in duplicate continuously fed reactors. The reactors were fed TCE at approximately 2.5-5 µeq/L-hr (A) and 125 µeq/L-hr (B). Ethene produced is also displayed (right axis). Error bars represent standard errors of duplicate extractions. Ethene produced is in black, 16S rRNA gene is in pink, 16S rRNA is in red and hupL is in blue. Solid and dashed lines represent the different duplicates.**

.2A and B). HupL expression (0.1 to 10 copies per cell) in the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> culture was indistinguishable from expression in the D2 culture for respiration rates ranging over three orders of magnitude. PSS transcript levels ranged from 2 to 50 copies per cell for VcrA. The 1545 RDase homolog detected by our primers was expressed at a constant level (approximately 10 copies per cell) over the respiration rates observed, at a similar order of magnitude as the peak expression values for the D2 culture (Figure 3.2C). This is in sharp contrast to the expression pattern observed for the D2 culture, where 1545 expression peaks at a low to mid respiration rate (Figure 3.2C).<sup>2,3</sup> TceA was expressed in KB-1<sup>TM</sup> at a very low level (less than 0.01 transcripts per cell), especially as compared to the D2 mixed culture (Figure 3.2D). Ribosome content (per mL) also remained relatively constant (equal to around 100 copies per cell), and was indistinguishable from the D2 culture over the range of respiration rates studied (Figure 3.2E).

Cell densities (based on 16S rRNA gene copies per mL) did not change significantly within or across experiments and were slightly lower than in the D2 mixed culture (Figure 3.2F). This indicates that the populations are relatively steady over the time frames and range of respiration rates studied, and that changes in the RNA levels are due to up-regulation, not due to an increase in cell density.

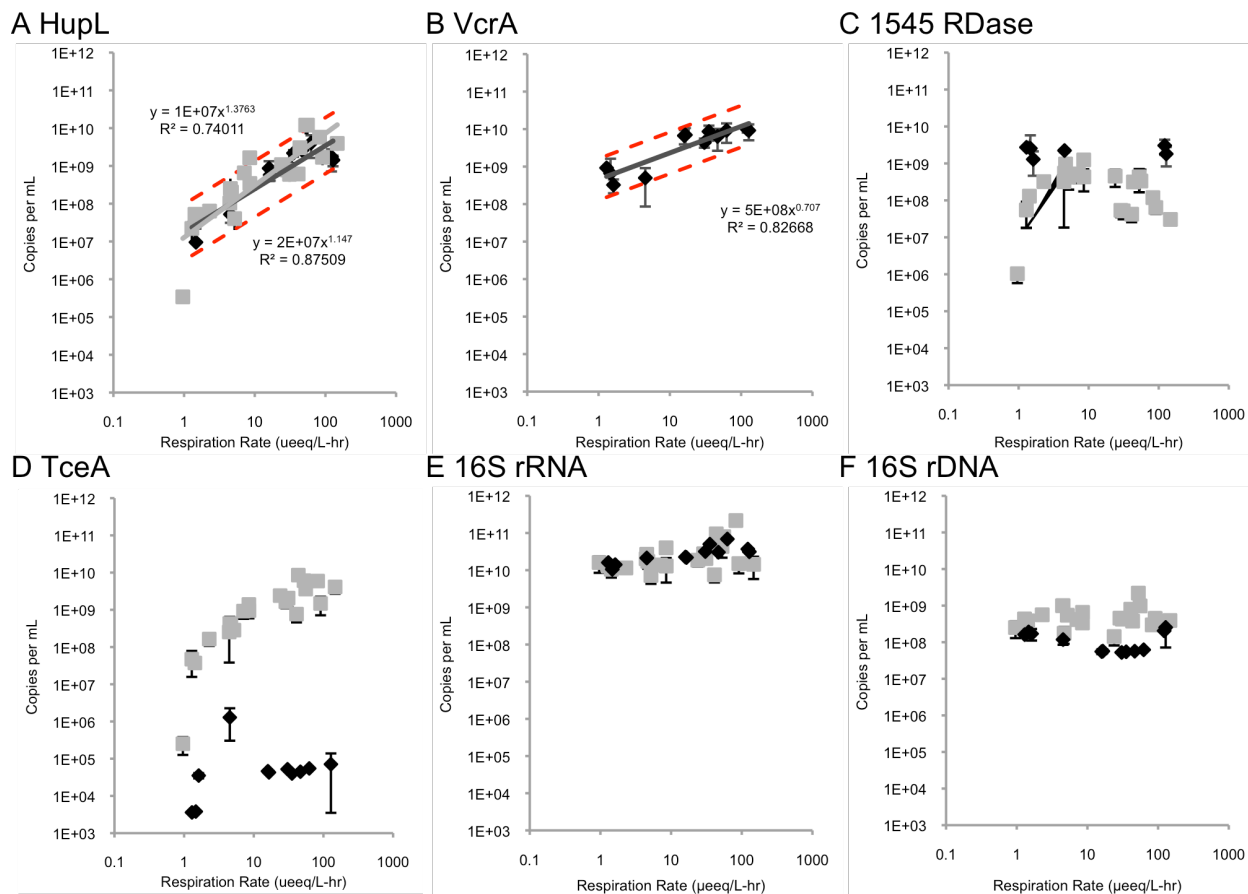
BvcA and the *Geobacter* RDase PceA were not examined by qPCR in this study. *Geobacter* is a non-*Dehalococcoides* dechlorinating population in the KB-1 culture that dechlorinates PCE and TCE to *cis*-DCE via a PceA enzyme.<sup>46</sup> Since we are most concerned with the VC to ethene step of the dechlorination process, as VC is a known carcinogen and ethene is non-toxic, this RDase was not included as a biomarker. A BvcA homolog is present in KB-1.<sup>34</sup> However, at the time the work was conducted, evidence for the function of BvcA was not as strong as for VcrA, and thus it was not included in our original suite of potential biomarkers. However, just recently the function of BvcA in BAV1 was identified as catalyzing the dechlorination of all chloroethene isomers in cultures of strain BAV1 growing on chlorethenes, as it was the only detected RDase.<sup>56</sup>

### **3.D.2. Stress Responses.**

#### *Oxygen Stress.*

The six subcultures in this experiment had batch respiration rates of  $69.4 \pm 5.6$   $\mu\text{eq/L-hr}$  with VC and ethene as the main products prior to the addition of oxygen. After headspace purging and re-feeding, the control had a respiration rate of  $29.9$   $\mu\text{eq/L-hr}$ . After addition of the stressor, the experimental bottles were all inactivated (Figures 3.3A). The medium was initially pink in the oxygen-amended bottles, indicating that the redox indicator resazurin had been oxidized, whereas the resazurin remained colorless in the control bottles. The measured

respiration rates for bottles B1 and B2 (sacrificed 8 hours after addition of the stressor) dropped to 0.44 and 0.39  $\mu\text{eq/L-hr}$ , respectively. The measured respiration rates for bottles C1 and C2 (sacrificed 170 hours after the addition of the stressor) were 2.5 and 2.2  $\mu\text{eq/L-hr}$ , respectively, indicating that dechlorination past DCE was again occurring in the bottles. Additionally, prior to recovery, the medium in bottles C1 and C2 returned to a black color, indicating the oxygen in the



**Figure 3. 2. Pseudo-steady-state mRNA concentrations (copies per mL) of specific targets: hydrogenase HupL (A); reductive dehalogenases VcrA (B), 1545 (C), and TceA (D); and 16S ribosomal RNA subunit (E) and 16S rDNA (F) vs. steady-state respiration rates ( $\mu\text{eq/L-hr}$ ) for the KB-1 culture (black diamonds) and D2 culture (grey squares). Error bars represent standard error of average respiration rates between replicate reactors (X-error bars) and standard deviations of PSS mRNA measurements over time for replicate reactors (Y-error bars). Power law trend lines for KB-1 (solid black line) and D2 (solid grey line) and 95% confidence intervals around the KB-1 trend (dashed red line) are displayed where appropriate. Note that reductive dehalogenase VcrA is not present in the D2 DMC strain's genome.**

bottles had been consumed, and the redox indicator resazurin was no longer oxidized. GC data for all six subcultures is presented in Figures 3.3A. Oxygen levels for the six subcultures are presented in Figures 3.3B. It is important to note that the culture became anaerobic again at between 48 and 115 hours, which corresponded to a return to activity for the stressed subcultures. TCE degradation began again in this time period (Figure A2.1). However, as this portion of the degradation pathway was likely carried out by the *Geobacter* strain present in the mixed culture, we waited until *cis*-DCE degradation resumed (observed as VC production) prior to sacrificing the bottles for further analysis [170 hours after the stressor was added (Figure A2.1)].

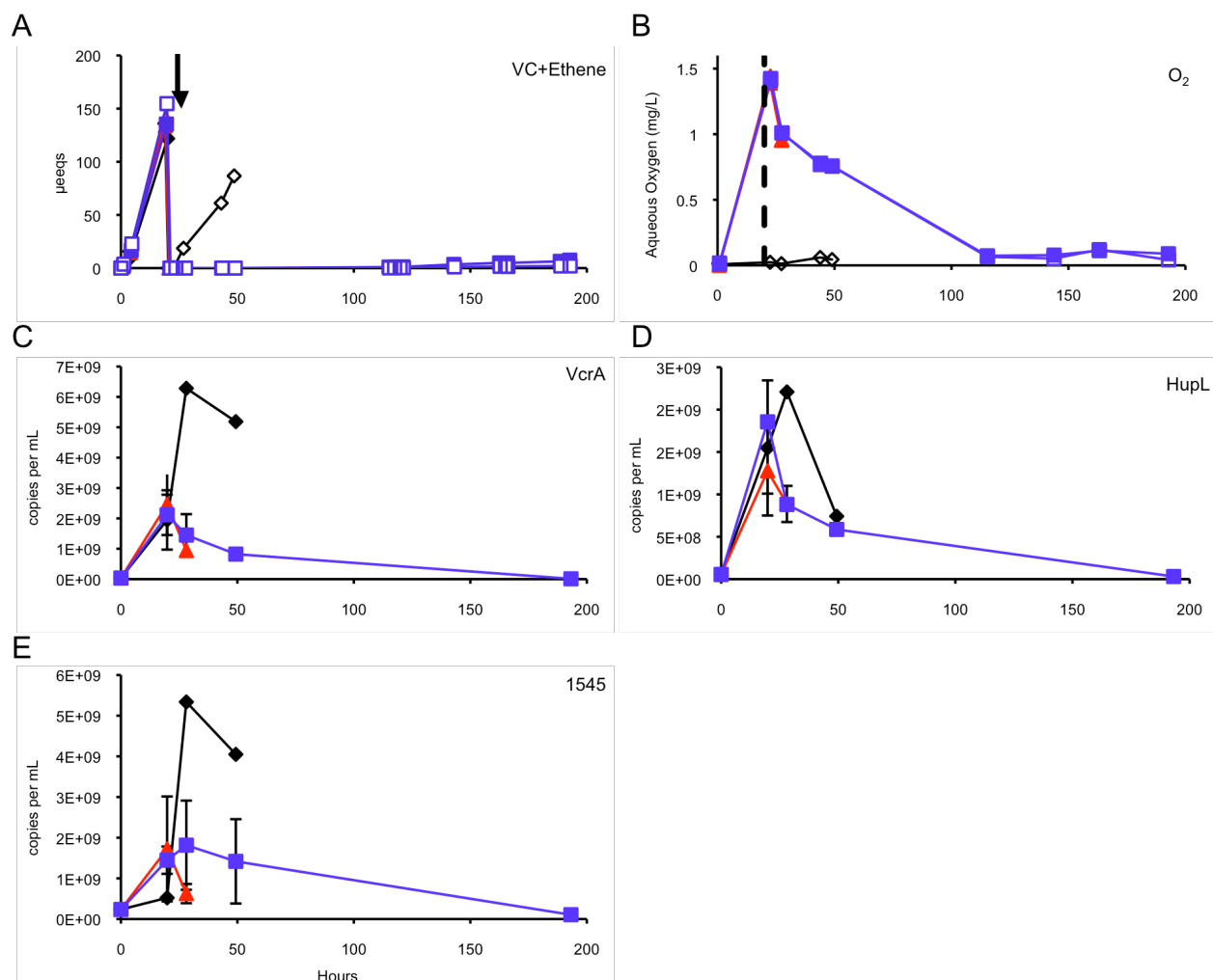
Time courses of target biomarker expression levels (VcrA, HupL and 1545) are also presented in Figures 3.3C-E. For all three targets, the control bottle (A2) remained at a higher expression level longer than the experimental bottles (B1, B2, C1 and C2) after the experimental bottles were stressed. The eventual decrease in expression levels for the control bottle is likely due to starvation of the batch culture as the chloroethenes were consumed, which has been seen previously in the D2 culture.<sup>3</sup> The trend of HupL declining in transcripts more rapidly than RDases has also been seen previously.<sup>33</sup>

#### *Acid Stress.*

Six subcultures were continuously fed TCE had respiration rates of  $1.4 \pm 0.2$   $\mu\text{eq/L-hr}$  prior to the addition of acid. After the addition of acid, the experimental bottles dropped to respiration rates of  $0.2 \pm 0.3$   $\mu\text{eq/L-hr}$  while the control had a respiration rate of  $1.9$   $\mu\text{eq/L-hr}$ . GC data for all six subcultures are presented in Supporting Information (SI) Figure A2.2A.

Time courses for the target biomarker expression levels are also presented in SI Figure A2.2B-D. A clear trend is not observed for the expression of target biomarkers in the





**Figure 3.3. Timecourses of metabolite and mRNA concentrations for specific targets in oxygen stress experiments. The control is in black, and the stressed bottles are in red (sacrificed ~12 hours after stress) and blue (sacrificed at end of the experiment). Note the culture was starting to recover ~100 hours after the oxygen stress. The arrow (vertical dashed line in B) indicates when the stress was added. Error bars represent standard error of duplicate reactors.**

experimental bottles as compared to the control bottles. The length of the experiment (short) and

low feeding rate may not have given enough time for an observable change in transcript levels.

The low feed rate translates to less active cells – the total transcript levels for HupL and VcrA were lower in the acid-stress control subcultures as compared to the oxygen stress control

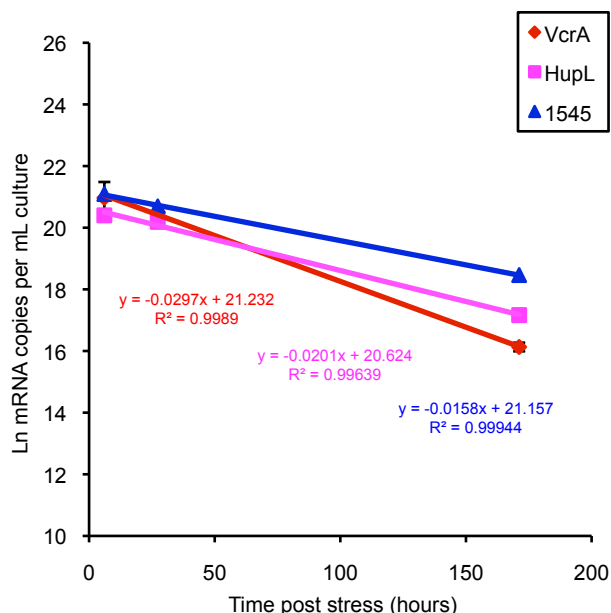
subcultures (Figures 4 vs. S2). Prior to addition of the stressor, the transcript levels for HupL,

VcrA and 1545 were  $4.01 \times 10^6 \pm 1.98 \times 10^6$ ,  $4.98 \times 10^8 \pm 2.38 \times 10^8$  and  $1.18 \times 10^9 \pm 7.10 \times 10^8$

copies per mL, respectively for all the bottles. The expected values after 10.5 hours, based on the decay rates inferred from Figures 3.4, were  $3.24 \times 10^6$ ,  $4.64 \times 10^8$  and  $1.00 \times 10^9$  copies per mL for HupL, VcrA and 1545, respectively. These values are within the standard deviation of the values prior to the addition of the stressor, suggesting a limited ability to resolve such declines with the qRT-PCR method.

### 3.D.3. Endogenous mRNA Decay.

RNA decay rates for DMC were calculated from batch reactors after addition of oxygen (1.6 mg/L) caused the subcultures to become inactive (Figures 3.3A). RNA decay rates in KB-1<sup>TM</sup> for VcrA, HupL and 1545 (Figures 3.4) were found to be 0.02-0.03 per hr (half lives of 20-30 hours), slightly lower than those observed previously for D2's DMC population for the time period following peak expression (0.03-0.06 per hr), and the same as those post purging of reactors for D2 (0.02 per hr).<sup>3</sup> These RNA decay rates are also much higher than cell DNA decay rates 0.003 to 0.004 per hr previously found for D2.<sup>57</sup>



**Figure 3. 4. Quantification of mRNA biomarker levels in batch reactors following addition oxygen (3.14 mg) with exponential decay fits (Ln mRNA vs. time) demonstrating endogenous mRNA degradation. Error bars represent standard error based on biological replicates.**

### 3.D.4. Proteomic Biomarker Validation.

Shotgun metaproteomic data for KB-1<sup>TM</sup> supports the trends observed at the transcript level (NSAF scores are presented in Table 3.2). The most abundant reductive dehalogenases detected in KB-1<sup>TM</sup> were the VcrA and 1545 homologs followed by BvcA. TceA was detected, but at a very low level (NSAF of 4.88E-04) – especially compared to samples from the D2 culture analyzed in the same way (NSAF of 0.152). The HupL homologs were the third most abundant biomarker of interest detected. Twelve other RDase homologs were also found in the metaproteome, including the *Geobacter* RDase PceA.

**Table 3. 2. Detected Biomarkers In Shotgun KB-1<sup>TM</sup> Metaproteome Sample. The NSAF is a sum of NSAF's for all detected homologs. With the exception of the hydrogenase, HupL, the biomarkers are reductive dehalogenases.**

Homolog	NSAF x 10 <sup>5</sup>
VcrA	4723
1545	4684
HupL	959
BvcA	923
<i>Geobacter</i> PceA	94
KB1_8, KB1_9	66
DET0180	62
KB1_1	57
TceA	49
KB1_1549	13
DET1528	8.4
KB1_7	7.7
DET1519	2.2
DET1538	1.1
cbdbA80	1.1

The 1545 homolog is interesting because it is highly conserved among DMC strains (e.g. cbdbA1638/DhcVS\_1436) and has been detected at field sites previously<sup>32</sup> whereas VcrA and BvcA are less ubiquitous RDases. The 46 1545-homolog peptides that were detected in the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> culture align with homologs from the Cornell, Victora and Pinellas subgroups (1545-C,

1545-V and 1545-P, respectively): one peptide hits 1545-C alone, 25 peptides align with all groups, nine peptides align with 1545-P (but not 1545-C and 1545-V), one peptide aligns with 1545-P and 1545-V but not 1545-C (Table A2.3). Consequently, DMC strains in KB-1<sup>TM</sup> could be differentiated by virtue of slight differences in the 1545 homologs' peptides. Consensus peptides were generated from aligning detected peptides with identical overlapping sequences (Table 3.3). Five regions of the 1545 sequence had strain specificity in the detected peptides (red boxes A-E in Figures 3.5). In region A, 6 peptides were detected, one was specific for 1545-C, and the other 5 were specific for 1545-P and the homolog in the KB-1 mixed culture. In region D, 6 three peptides were detected that are specific for 1545-P. In regions C and E, one peptide was detected that was specific for 1545-P. Two regions were found to be highly conserved, and highly detected. In regions F and G, 12 and 9 peptides, respectively, were detected that aligned with homologs from all groups (1545-C, 1545-V and 1545-P).

### **3.D.5. Transcriptomic Biomarker Discovery.**

Microarray analysis of the oxygen stress experiment showed that as the C bottles started to recover, the RDases that were highly upregulated (average C's compared to average B's) were homologs of DET0173, 1545 and BvcA. The most downregulated RDases were 1545 and VcrA. 1545 being both highly up and down-regulated is likely due to multiple strains of DMC in the KB-1 culture.<sup>34,54</sup> The most upregulated 1545 probes target both 1545-C and 1545-V. The most downregulated 1545 probes target 1545-P (Table 3.4).

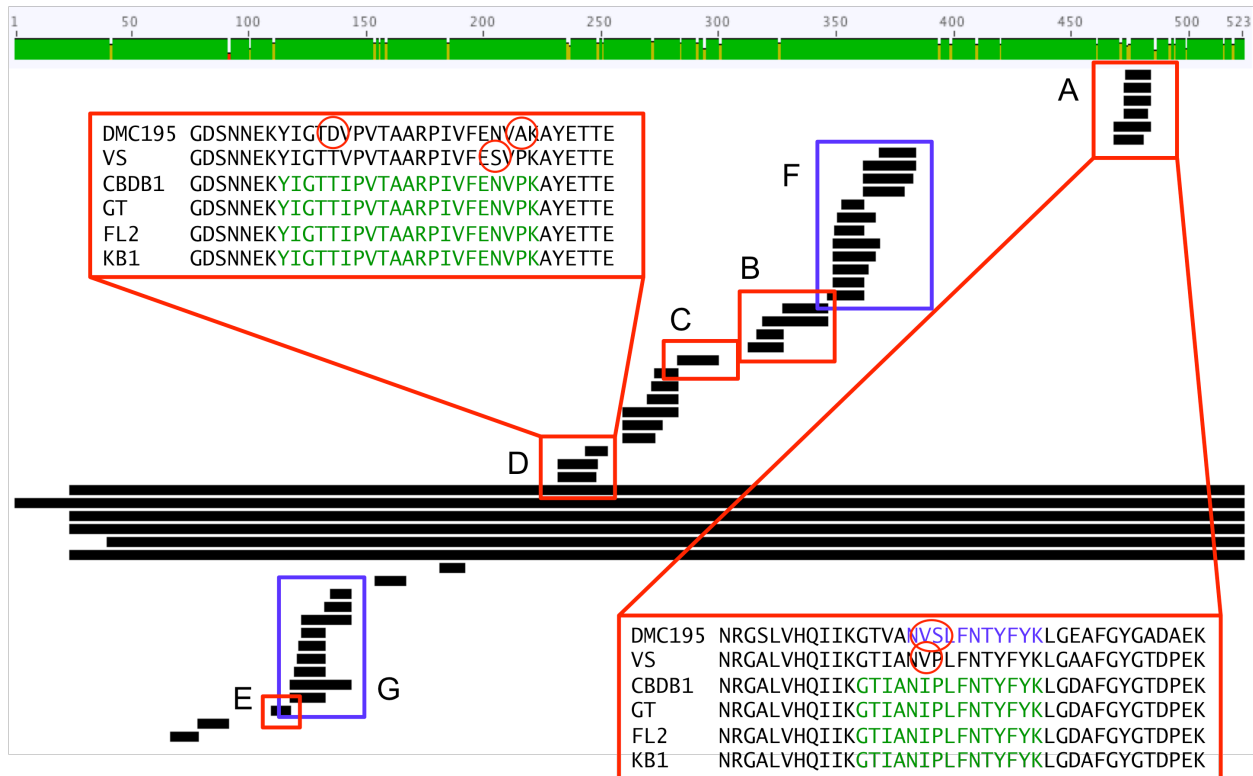
**Table 3. 3. Consensus 1545 Homolog Peptides Detected in Shotgun KB-1™ Sample. Peptides are highlighted based on their specificity the Cornell group (green) or the Pinellas group (orange), and peptides highlighted in blue are highly conserved. See Figure 3.5 for peptide locations.**

Peptide Numbers	Highlighted Region in Figure 3.5	Consensus Sequence	Combined Spectral Counts for Peptide	Cornell Group	Victoria Group	Pinellas Group and KB-1 Mixed Culture
13, 27, 26, 10, 9	A	GTIANIPLFNTYFYK	14			X
28	A	NVSLFNTYFYK	2	X		
14, 21, 20, 19, 37, 36, 45, 25, 24, 23, 22, 30	F	QKLYTLTPEYGAPGRLYGVLTDLPLEPThPIDAGIYR	31	X	X	X
46, 12, 31, 44	B	YLGyQLIGTIGNDARYVGSEGGAAIMAGLGEASR	410	X	X*	X
32	C	SAGTLLGGMANGNTFYn	1			X
34, 15, 11, 18, 17, 16		LVIPNVPLWEIALSTQGSNELWR	8	X	X	X**
29, 43, 42	D	YIGTTIPVTAARPIVFENVPK	3			X
41		WTGTPEEASR	5	X		X
40		VSQGTSPGWAETK	2		X	X***
33, 35, 5, 4, 2, 1, 8, 39, 38	G	VLGAAALSAAELAERTASNYPGYTYR	81	X	X	X
3	E	AIYYGADR	1		X	X
7		ERPIDDPTIEVDF	1	X	X	X
6		DTAVQPRPWWVK	4	X	X	X

\*3 of the detected peptides that form this consensus peptide don't hit VS, but 1 does

\*\*5 of the detected peptides that form this consensus peptide don't hit FL2, but 1 does

\*\*\*This peptide does not hit FL2



**Figure 3. 5. A comparison of 1545-homolog peptides detected in the KB-1 culture sample to the 1545-homolog sequences in genomes of DMC195, DMC strains VS, CBDB1, GT, FL2 and the KB-1 mixed culture. Peptides boxed in red (A-E) show strain specificity, whereas peptides boxed in blue (F and G) are highly conserved and align across all strains. In the insets, detected consensus peptides are highlighted in green, and variations that were detected are highlighted in blue, with the differences circled in red. This figure was created using Geneious version 5.0.4 created by Biomatters.**

**Table 3. 4. Nucleotide Percent Identity Between Microarray Probe Targets and *Dehalococcoides mccartyi* strains for the 1545 homologs.**

	Cornell Group	Victoria Group	Pinellas Group				Fold Change Following Oxygen Recovery
	DMC195	VS	BAV1	CBDB1	GT	KB-1	
panDhc_506_RC	69.4	85.7	69.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.03
KB1_0072	73.3	93.3	73.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.05
panDhc_506	85.7	87.8	85.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.34
gi147669941	91.7	95.0	100.0	98.3	98.3	85.0	3.49
panDhc_502	100.0	87.8	91.8	83.7	83.7	81.6	9.58
panDhc_502_RC	100.0	85.7	100.0	83.7	83.7	83.7	6.88
panDhc_422	85.7	100.0	83.7	83.7	83.7	83.7	25.48

### **3.D.6. Multiplexed Proteomic Analysis.**

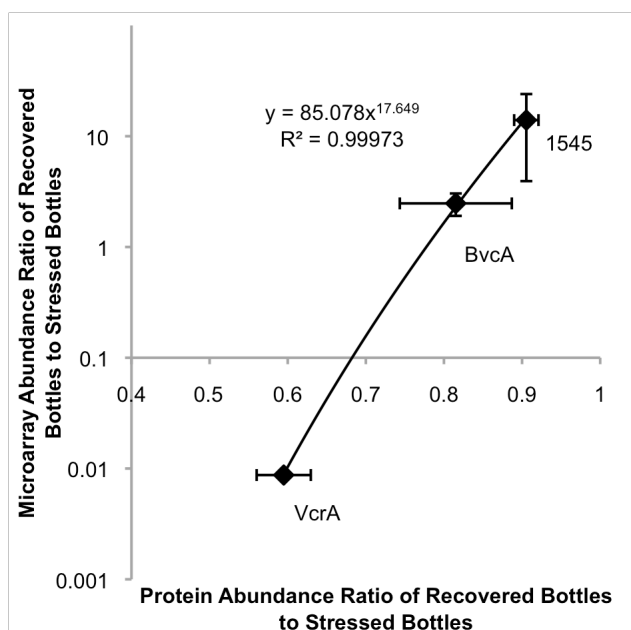
#### *Continuous Feed Experiments.*

To relate DMC biomarker protein levels to respiration rates in KB-1<sup>TM</sup>, plots were generated of TMT ion intensities for HupL, VcrA, 1545 and TceA versus respiration rates (from 1.8 to 128  $\mu\text{eq/L-hr}$ ) (Figure A2.3). Similar trends were observed for HupL, VcrA and TceA relative protein levels as for mRNA expression levels versus respiration rate, though proteins showed a smaller magnitude of change over the range of respiration rates tested. A difference between mRNA and protein trends was that ion intensities for 1545 increased as respiration rates increased, whereas their mRNA expression levels stayed relatively constant (Figures A2.3C and 3.2C, respectively).

#### *Oxygen Stress Experiment.*

Similarities were observed between the microarray results and multiplex protein results for the oxygen stress experiment. A comparison of the recovering bottles (average C's) to the stressed bottles (average B's) was made. In both the microarray results and protein results, the abundance ratio of the recovering bottles to the stressed bottles was high for the 1545 homolog and BvcA and low for VcrA (Figure 3.6). These three RDases were the only RDases detected in both the proteome and transcriptome of the oxygen stress bottles. The B bottles were sacrificed only 8 hours after the stress was added, which is not enough time for protein turnover to show in samples. Protein decay rates were previously calculated for RDases in the D2 culture, and were found to be approximately 0.0025 per hour.<sup>3</sup> Thus, the bottles sacrificed at 8 hours can be thought of as representative of the maximum protein levels observed. In the B bottles, the ion intensities for VcrA and BvcA are similar, with 1545 approximately an order of magnitude lower. In C bottles (sacrificed approximately 170 hours after the stressor was added), VcrA has

decreased, whereas the 1545 homolog and BvcA are at similar levels to the B bottles. As the cultures have been inactive for a great portion of this time prior to recovery, you would expect a decrease in enzyme levels due to decay. The VcrA ion intensities have decreased from  $1.43 \times 10^7 \pm 1.90 \times 10^6$  to  $8.38 \times 10^6 \pm 8.39 \times 10^6$ . The expected values after 165 hours, based on the decay rates calculated previously, are  $1.04 \times 10^7$  (within the error bars of the measured final time point). However, that is not the case for the 1545 homolog and VcrA, which are at similar levels to their maximum for this experiment when the bottles were sacrificed after recovery. Thus, it appears that the DMC strains in KB-1<sup>TM</sup> that contain 1545-C and BvcA homologs are recovering faster than the strain containing the VcrA gene.

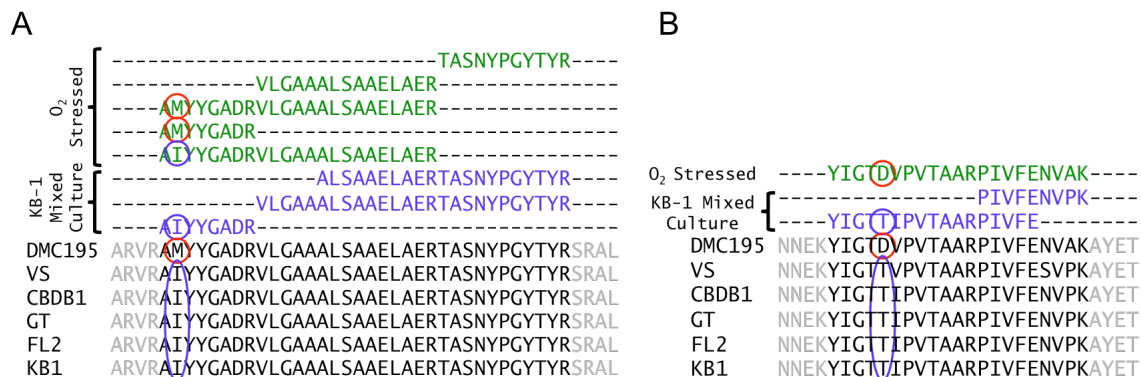


**Figure 3. 6. Microarray probe intensity ratio of recovered bottles to stressed bottles vs. protein abundance ratio of recovered bottles to oxygen stressed bottles for the reductive dehalogenases detected in both the protein and microarray results (1545, BvcA and VcrA only). In both cases the same reductive dehalogenases are recovering (1545 and BvcA) and VcrA is not recovering yet. The 1545 homolog targeted by the microarray probes is specific for 1545-C and 1545-V.**

A total of 11 1545-homolog peptides were detected in the oxygen stress samples. Three were specific for the 1545-C, and one was specific for the CBDB1 strain. Three of the specific



peptides are from the same region of the 1545 homolog (Figure 3.7). In this region, the peptides detected in the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> mixed culture sample were specific for the VS and Pinellas groups. In the oxygen stress samples, two peptides were detected that are specific for 1545-C, and the third was specific for 1545-V and 1545-P. One peptide was detected in another region of the 1545



**Figure 3. 7. Two regions of the 1545-homolog where peptides were detected in the oxygen stress samples (green) as compared to the peptides detected in the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> mixed culture sample (blue). Six homologs from DMC genomes, and the KB-1 metagenome are shown in black. The amino acids that differ are circled in red if they match the DMC195 sequence and in blue if they match the remaining sequences. Panel A represents regions D and F in Figure 3.5, and Panel B represents region C in Figure 3.5.**

gene that was specific for 1545-C in the oxygen stress samples, whereas a variant of that peptide that was specific for 1545-V and 1545-P was detected in the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> mixed culture sample. The microarray and proteomic results indicate that a strain with a Cornell group 1545 homolog and BvcA is selectively surviving after oxygen stress.

The key results of this study are that the correlation between respiration rate and mRNA transcript number is upheld for HupL, and significant differences are observed for TceA and 1545 when comparing the two mixed cultures studied (KB-1<sup>TM</sup> and D2). A correlation is also observed for VcrA expression compared to respiration rate in the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> mixed culture. Additionally, correlation trends for HupL and VcrA are upheld when looking at proteomic ion intensities as compared to respiration rates, though for the overall magnitude of difference at the protein level are smaller than for mRNA transcripts.

Addition of stressors caused respiration rates to decrease significantly, but mRNA lingered – indicating that transcript abundance alone cannot predict respiration rate in stressed conditions within hours to days following stress. Furthermore, both transcriptomic and proteomic data indicated initial recovery post oxygen stress of DMC strains that have homologs for 1545 and BvcA as opposed to a strain with VcrA.

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## CHAPTER 4:

Detection of Organohalide-Respiring Enzyme Biomarkers at a TCE-Contaminated Field Site that has been Bioaugmented with the Mixed Microbial Consortium KB-1<sup>TM</sup>

### **4.A. Abstract**

Implementation of chloroethene bioremediation requires methods for monitoring the structure and activity of the subsurface microbial communities that are responsible for reductive dechlorination. Here we report on a successful proteomics-based method for identifying *Dehalococcoides* and *Geobacter* biomarkers of reductive dechlorination at a trichloroethene (TCE)-contaminated industrial site in Ft. Erie, Ontario that had been bio-augmented with the commercially available KB-1<sup>TM</sup> microbial culture, and compare the detected proteomic biomarkers to DNA and RNA biomarkers in the same samples. Samples were obtained from two wells with high hydraulic connectivity to the enhanced in-situ bioremediation system, and two with low hydraulic connectivity. The DNA and RNA biomarkers detected were a set of reductive dehalogenases, and the highly conserved Ni-Fe hydrogenase, HupL. Proteomic biomarkers of organohalide respiration were detected in all four field samples' metaproteomes, and the key reductive dehalogenases present in the bioaugmentation culture were the most highly detected proteins overall, suggesting that deployed *Dehalococcoides mccartyi* strains maintain devotion to high RDase concentrations in the field.

### **4.B. Introduction**

Biomarkers are biomolecules (DNA, RNA or proteins) that correspond to a specific microbial process or state. Several studies have been conducted regarding detection of 16S rRNA genes at field sites. 16S rRNA gene sequences are highly conserved among strains of *Dehalococcoides mccartyi* (DMC), forming a distinct phylogenetic group.<sup>1</sup> As early as 2001,



researchers observed that there is a strong correlation between the presence of the DMC 16S rRNA gene at a site, and the reductive dechlorination of chlorinated ethenes to ethene.<sup>2</sup> However, the presence of the 16S rRNA gene does not necessarily mean that dechlorination will occur – conditions may not be favorable and the capability of using specific chloroethene electron acceptors differs among strains (phylogeny does not necessarily predict physiology), making it difficult to predict whether or not dechlorination will occur at a certain site without more information.<sup>2-6</sup> Additionally, there are numerous reductive dehalogenases (12-36 per strain) coded for in the genomes of each strain of DMC.<sup>1</sup> Reductive dehalogenases (RDases) are the enzymes produced by DMC that allow for respiration of chlorinated hydrocarbons.

Due to the central dogma of microbiology, proteins are expected to be the best indicators of activity as they are the functional mediators of activity. However, detection of low abundance protein biomarkers is difficult, and thus far no field sampling efforts have yielded metaproteome libraries successfully. Several studies have been conducted that examine the quantitative correlation between reductive dechlorination activity and specific rRNA transcripts<sup>7-16</sup> and the quantification of DMC genes and transcripts at a trichloroethene (TCE)-contaminated field site.<sup>8</sup> Additionally, several studies have been conducted in our lab concerning the proteome of DMC.<sup>16-19</sup> Morris et al. examined the metaproteome of the DMC strain 195 (DMC195) pure culture, and discovered that HupL is one of the most highly expressed genes in batch cultures.<sup>18</sup> Werner et al. developed a method for quantifying low abundance proteins in complex mixed microbial communities and compared the DMC195-containing mixed culture, D2, and the KB-1 mixed culture.<sup>19</sup> Rowe et al. expanded on this method, and examined the quantitative correlation between reductive dechlorination and the expression of specific genes in DMC195.<sup>16</sup> Based on these studies, a preliminary suite of potential field biomarkers can be generated that includes

RDases, including vinyl chloride (VC) RDase enzymes that have been linked to successful biological dechlorination of VC to ethene in groundwater systems, and other targets.<sup>5</sup> The mechanism of VC dechlorination is important in bioremediation because VC is the most toxic of the chlorinated ethenes, and the VC to ethene step is often rate-limiting.<sup>5</sup> Genes linked to the VC to ethene step of reductive dechlorination (VcrA, BvcA, etc.) may be the best biomarkers for complete remediation of chlorinated ethenes.<sup>5</sup>

Many genes are highly conserved between DMC strains (e.g. HupL and 1545 homologs), making them ideal biomarkers of anaerobic reductive dechlorination. However, phylogeny does not necessarily inform physiology. Thus, a method for detecting strain variation is necessary. Proteomic biomarkers may provide this method. From one sample, much more information can be gained as to gene sequence than with qPCR alone - multiple compatible primer sets would be needed just for one gene to effectively test for all variants of each gene homolog. Additionally, the presence of protein is a good indicator of organism activity, at least on the time scale of field sites.

In this study, groundwater samples were collected from a well-characterized, TCE-contaminated industrial site in southwestern Ontario, Canada (ISSO).<sup>20</sup> High concentrations of TCE, *cis*-dichloroethene (*cis*-DCE) and VC have been detected in the groundwater, and the presence of cDCE and VC indicates that dechlorination by native microorganisms at the site might have occurred. An enhanced in-situ bioremediation (EISB) system was installed at the site in 2008. DMC DNA and mRNA were quantified and field metaproteomes were extracted, digested with trypsin and analyzed by mass spectrometry. The field metaproteomes were compared with proteomes of the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> seed culture.

#### 4.C. Materials and Methods

##### 4.C.1. Site Description.

The EISB system extracts groundwater from the TCE-contaminated site through three wells located downgradient of the assumed source area (Figure 4.1).<sup>20</sup> The extracted groundwater was amended with electron donor, and re-injected into the aquifer through recharge wells (IW in Figure 4.1) located in the vicinity of the source area, and upgradient of the extraction wells. Select recharge wells were bioaugmented with the commercially-available KB-1<sup>TM</sup> microbial culture in October 2009 to boost bioremediation rates for the detected chloroethenes (TCE, cDCE and VC) to ethene.

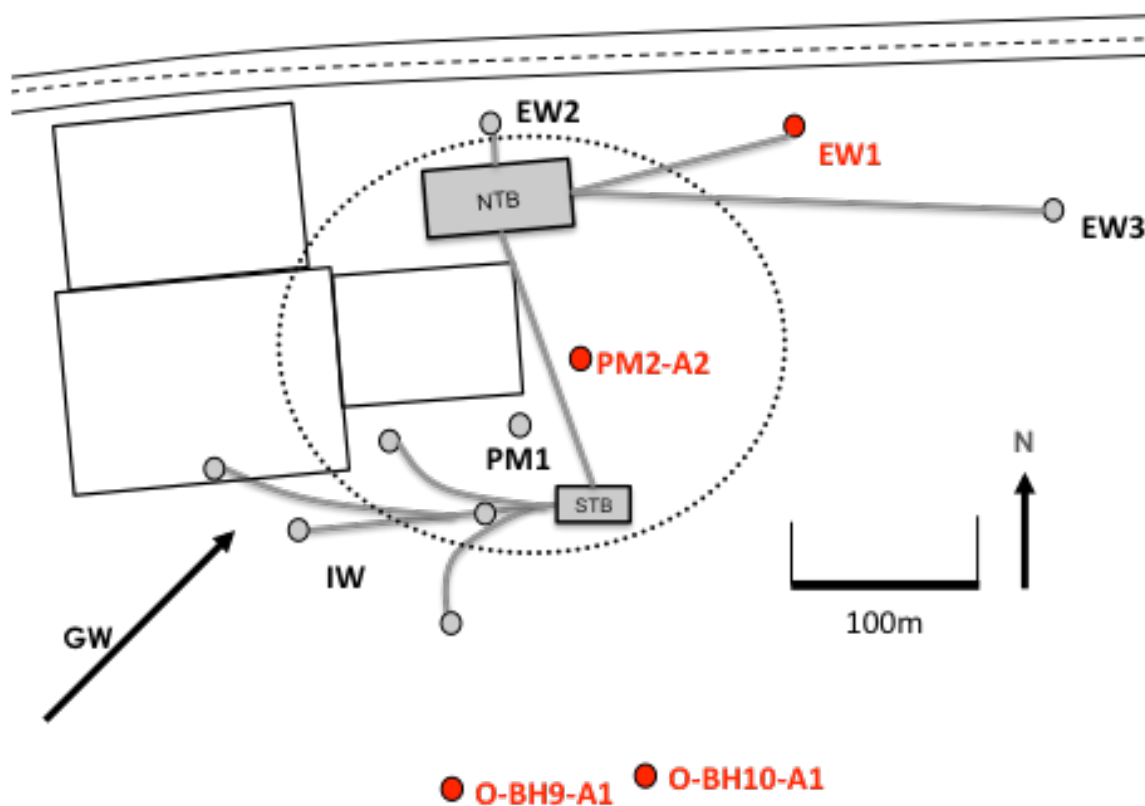


Figure 4. 1. Sketch of the field site (ISSO). Groundwater is extracted from the northern portion of the property (EW wells) and transferred through buried piping to the northern treatment building (NTB) where it is combined, filtered, and amended with chlorine dioxide (ClO<sub>2</sub>) to control biofouling. The groundwater is then transferred to the southern treatment building (STB) through a central forcemain where the groundwater is amended with electron donor (ethanol) and distributed to individual recharge wells (IW). The wells sampled for this study were PM2-A2, EW1, O-BH9-A1 and O-BH10-A1.

#### **4.C.2. Groundwater Sample Collection.**

Groundwater samples were collected approximately two years after bioaugmentation at the site. Samples were obtained from established wells using dedicated inertial lift pumps, with traditional groundwater purging methods. Groundwater was purged from the well until water quality parameters (e.g. temperature, pH, DO, redox potential, conductivity and turbidity) had stabilized when measured using a flow-through cell attached to a multi-parameter sensor, which usually occurred after 2-4 well volumes had been purged. Additionally, the water level was monitored before and after sampling. Between 8 and 12 liters of groundwater were collected in collapsible, 5 gallon containers and transported to the North Treatment Building (NTB) on the site.

For each sample, 8-12 liters of groundwater were filtered through a prefilter (1.2  $\mu\text{m}$  pore size, 142 mm diameter, Versapor® Acrylic Copolymer Membrane Disc Filters; Pall Corporation, NY) followed by a filter (0.2  $\mu\text{m}$  pore size, 142 mm diameter, Supor® PES Membrane Disc Filters; Pall Corporation, NY). Exact volumes filtered are presented in Table 4.1. The groundwater was pumped at approximately 0.5 L/min. Each filter was then removed from the filtering apparatus, folded and placed in a sterile 50 mL conical tube, and flash frozen in an ethanol/dry ice bath before being placed on dry ice. A total of 10 standard hole punches (11 for well EW-1) were removed as subsamples for nucleic acid extraction and the remaining filters were shipped overnight on dry ice to the Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory (EMSL) at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory for proteomic analysis.

**Table 4. 1. Groundwater sample volumes and recoveries of DNA, RNA and protein**

Well	Volume Filtered (L)	Hole Punches Extracted for Nucleic Acids	DNA recovered (ng)		RNA recovered (μg)		Protein recovered (μg)	
			F	PF	F	PF	F	PF
PM2A2	9.5	5	102	38	2.6	2.1	30	n/a
EW1	12	5	46	13	1.9	1.5	46	n/a
O-BH09-A1	11.25	5	2.8	2.5	bd	bd	60	n/a
O-BH10-A1	8.25	5	2.4	3.4	bd	bd	60	n/a

\*bd means that RNA was below detection in extractant fluid.

#### 4.C.3. Nucleic Acid Extraction and Quantification.

DNA and RNA extractions were performed using the AllPrep DNA/RNA Mini Kit (Qiagen) with modifications and DNase treatments as previously described.<sup>9,16</sup> In place of a cell pellet, 5 hole punches (1.3% of the filter surface area) were placed in the cell lysis tube for nucleic acid extraction. Total DNA was quantified using the Quant-iT™ Picogreen® double stranded DNA assay (Invitrogen). RNA quality and quantity was analyzed using the Agilent 2100 BioAnalyzer. DNase treatment, cDNA synthesis, qPCR set up and qPCR run conditions were performed as previously described.<sup>7,10,16</sup> Prior to qPCR, all DNA and cDNA samples were diluted 1 to 5. Primers and annealing temperatures used in this study are listed in Table A2.1 and Table A3.1. Analysis of qPCR data was performed as outlined previously using the iCycler iQ Multicolor Real-Time PCR Detection System (Bio-Rad).<sup>15</sup> Transcript levels were calculated from raw fluorescence data using the Data Analysis for Real-time PCR (DART-PCR) method.<sup>10,21,22</sup> Long amplicon or D2 mixed culture DNA extracts (for HupL and DET1559) were used to generate standard curves for each target to convert  $R_0$  to copies. Primers and annealing temperatures for long amplicons are listed in Table A2.2 and Table A3.1.

#### 4.C.4. Sequencing of qPCR Products.

qPCR products from amplification of DNA from the EW1 and O-BH9-A1 wells were purified using the QIAquick PCR Purification Kit (Qiagen). DNA sequencing was performed

using an Applied Biosystems Automated 3730 DNA Analyzer at the Cornell University Life Sciences Core Laboratories Center.

#### **4.C.5. Proteomic Analysis.**

##### *Proteomic Sample Preparation of Samples PM2A2 and EW1.*

Various tests were performed on filters PM2A2 and EW1 to determine the most appropriate filter extraction method. Filters were cut in half for two different procedures and subsequently cut into pieces for extraction. Urea (9 M) was added, and the samples were vortexed and sonicated. The cells in the supernatant were lysed via Pressure Cycling Technology (PCT) using a barocycler (Pressure BioSciences Inc., South Easton, MA). The suspended cells were subjected to 20 seconds of high pressure at 35 kpsi followed by 10 seconds of ambient pressure for 10 cycles. The protein concentration was determined by a Coomassie assay (Thermo Scientific, Rockford, IL) and reduced by adding fresh dithiothreitol (DTT) to a final concentration of 10 mM. Samples were incubated at 60°C for 30 minutes, then diluted 10-fold with  $\text{NH}_4\text{HCO}_3$  (100 mM, pH 8.4) to reduce the urea concentration.  $\text{CaCl}_2$  was added to the diluted sample to a final concentration of 1 mM, and the sample was digested for 3 hours at 37°C using sequencing grade trypsin (USB, Santa Clara, CA) at a ratio of 1 unit of trypsin per 50 units of protein (1 unit = ~1  $\mu\text{g}$  of protein). Following incubation, digested samples were desalted using an appropriately sized C-18 SPE column using Discovery C18 (50 mg, 1 mL) solid phase extraction tubes (Supelco, St.Louis, MO), using the following protocol: 3 mL of methanol was added for conditioning followed by 2 mL of 0.1% TFA in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . The samples were then loaded onto each column followed by 4 mL of 95:5  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ :ACN, 0.1% TFA. Samples were eluted with 1 mL 80:20 ACN: $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 0.1% TFA. The samples were concentrated down to ~0.1 mL using a Speed Vac (ThermoSavant, Holbrook, NY). The final peptide concentration was determined by

bicinchoninic acid (BCA) assay (Thermo Scientific, Rockford, IL).

Filter Aided Sample Preparation (FASP) was used as an alternative sample preparation method.<sup>23</sup> The second half of the filters had 2 mL UPX buffer (Expedeon, San Diego, CA) added, and were sonicated, vortexed and barocycled as described above and incubated at 95°C for 5 minutes. Amicon Ultra-15 10K MWCO centrifuge devices (Millipore, Billerica, MA) were used for buffer exchange. The sample was added to the filter unit with urea (8 M, pH 8.5) at 15% of the total volume. The unit was centrifuged at 4000 x g for 40 minutes (until it reached the dead volume of 200 uL). Another 10 mL of urea (8 M, pH 8.0) was added. The unit was spun at 4000 x g for 40 minutes and this was repeated 3 times followed by 3 rinses with NH<sub>4</sub>HCO<sub>3</sub> (100 mM, pH 8.0). A BCA assay was used to determine the protein concentration and enough 25mM NH<sub>4</sub>HCO<sub>3</sub> was added to the filter unit to cover the filter. The flow-through collection tube was thoroughly cleaned and the sample was tryptically digested in a 1:50 (w/w) ratio with 1 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub> and was allowed to incubate overnight at 37°C. The following day the much smaller peptide sample was centrifuged at 4000 x g for 30 minutes and the peptides were collected in the flow through. The filter was rinsed with NH<sub>4</sub>HCO<sub>3</sub> (25 mM), and the flow-through was pooled. The sample was then cleaned via Strong Cation Exchange (SCX) Solid Phase Extraction (SPE) (Supelco). Each column (100 mg, 1 mL) was conditioned with MeOH, rinsed in varying sequences and amounts with ammonium formate in 25% ACN (10 mM, pH 3.0), ammonium formate in 25% ACN (500 mM), and nanopure water. Samples were acidified to a pH of 4.0 by adding 20% formic acid. Samples were then introduced to the columns and washed with ammonium formate in 25% ACN (10 mM, pH 3.0). Excess liquid was removed from the columns under vacuum. Peptides were eluted with 80:15:5 MeOH:H<sub>2</sub>O:NH<sub>4</sub>OH and concentrated to ~100 µL using a SpeedVac. Final peptide concentrations were determined using

a BCA protein assay.

Both extraction methods resulted in column contamination so the peptides from both methods were combined and used for offline high pH RP C-18 fractionation to remove contamination (described below).

*Proteomic Sample Preparation of Samples O-BH9-A1 and O-BH10-A1.*

Frozen filter pieces were crushed and added to a 50-mL falcon tube. Five mL of Universal Protein Extraction (UPX) buffer (Expedeon) was added to each and incubated at 40°C for 2 hours to extract the sample. The solution was pipetted out, barocycled and incubated at 95°C for 5 minutes. FASP was performed as described previously, however the proteins were removed prior to digestion in order to perform a methanol/chloroform extraction to remove large contaminants that are not removed through buffer exchanges. Cold methanol was added at 4 times the sample volume followed by cold chloroform (equal volume to cold methanol) and cold water (3 times the volume of the cold methanol). The samples were then vortexed and centrifuged at 14,000 x g for 3 minutes. The upper layer was removed, followed by another addition of cold methanol, and the samples were vortexed, sonicated and spun again to collect the protein pellet. The supernatant was drawn off and the protein pellet was dried lightly under N<sub>2</sub>. The sample was urea digested and C18 SPE cleaned as described above.

*High pH RP C-18 Fractionation.*

Samples were diluted to a volume of 900 µL with ammonium formate buffer (10 mM, pH 10.0), and resolved on a XBridge C18 (250x4.6 mm, 5 µM with 4.6x20 mm guard column, Waters, Milford, MA). Separations were performed at 0.5 mL/min using an Agilent 1100 series HPLC system (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA) with mobile phases (A) ammonium formate (10 mM, pH 10.0) and (B) 10:90 ammonium formate (10 mM, pH 10.0):acetonitrile.



The gradient was adjusted from 100% A to 95% A over the first 10 min, 95% A to 65% A over minutes 10 to 70, 65% A to 30% A over minutes 70 to 85, maintained at 30% A over minutes 85 to 95, re-equilibrated with 100% A over minutes 95 to 105, and held at 100% A until minute 120. Fractions were collected every 1.25 minutes (96 fractions total). All fractions were dried to half their volume under vacuum, and every five fractions were pooled starting at 40 minutes to ensure the contamination peaks were not collected. The fractions were then completely dried down and 15  $\mu$ L of ammonium bicarbonate (25 mM ) was added to each fraction for storage at -20°C until LC-MS/MS analysis.

#### *2D-LC-MS/MS Analysis.*

MS analysis was performed using a LTQ Orbitrap Velos ETD mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific, San Jose, CA) fitted with a custom electrospray ionization (ESI) interface as described in Chapter 3.

#### *Data Analysis.*

MS/MS data was searched as described in Chapter 3. The following genomic data was used in the searches for spectra matches: *Dehalococcoides mccartyi* strains CBDB1 and 195, the KB1-UT metagenomic sequences (DCKB1 at JGI), *Geobacter lovleyi*, *Methanoregula boonei*, *Methanosaeta thermophila*, *Methanospirillum hungatei*, D2 metagenomic sequences (PCEDH and PCEOT at JGI), *Spirochaeta thermophila*, *Sporomusa* str. KB1, *Syntrophomonas wolfei*, and *Syntrophus aciditrophicus*. Relative protein quantities of biomarkers in shotgun proteomic samples were estimated by calculating the normalized spectral abundance factor (NSAF).<sup>24</sup> This technique accounts for for biases arising from protein length.<sup>25</sup>

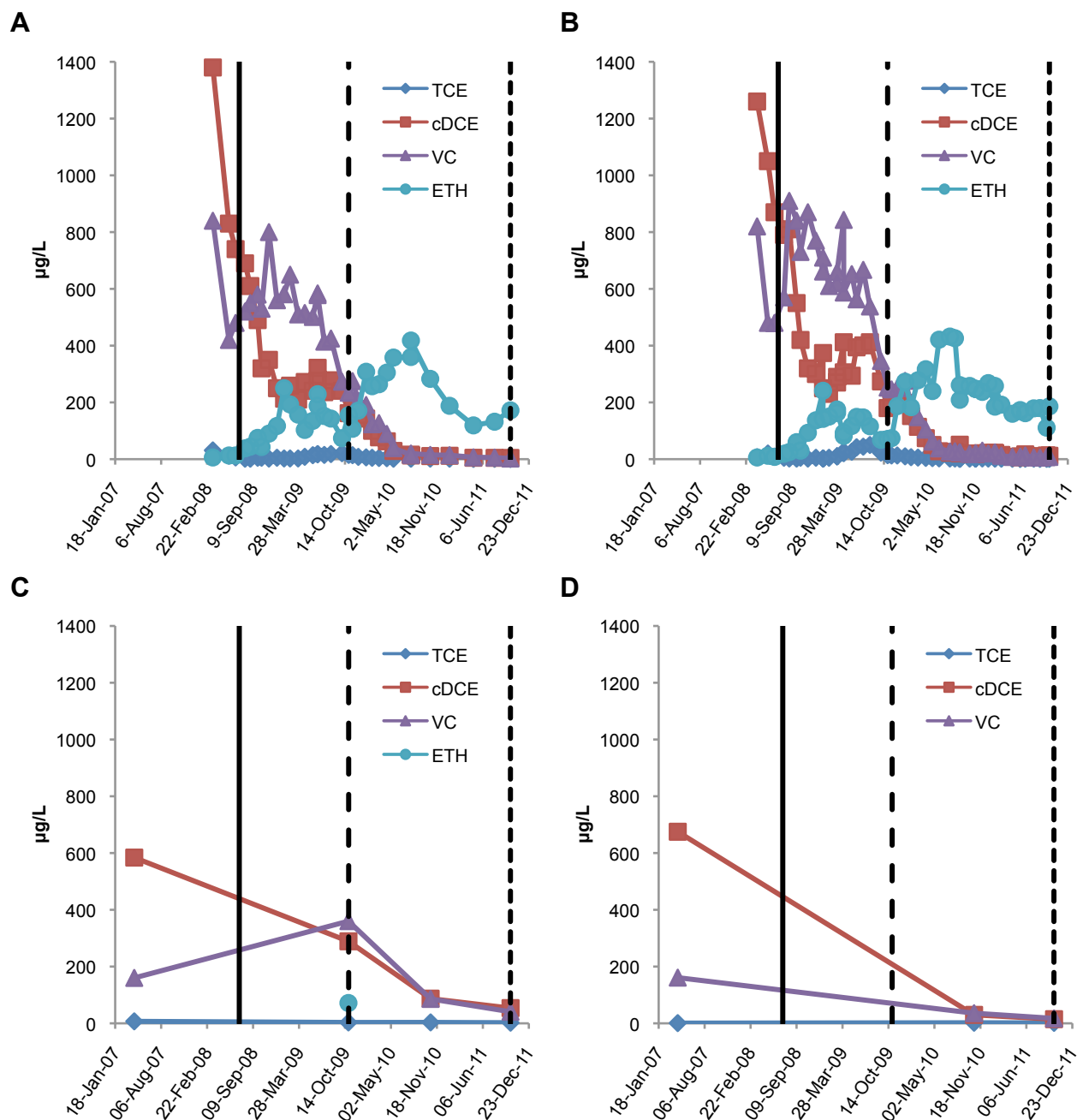
#### **4.D. Results and Discussion**

Four monitoring wells (Figure 4.1) were sampled about two years after bioaugmentation

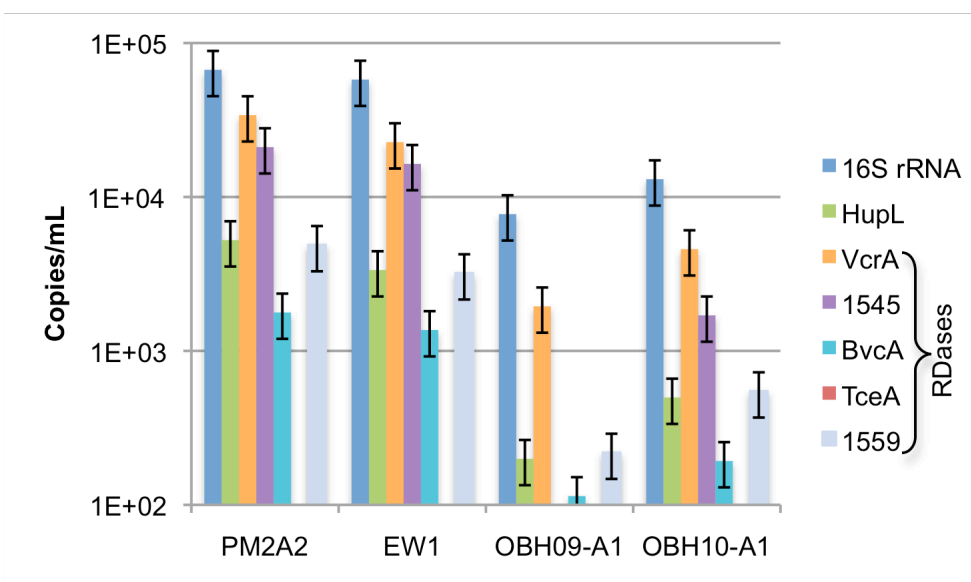
was effected at the site: two with high hydraulic connectivity to the EISB (PM2A2 and EW1) and two with low hydraulic connectivity to the EISB (O-BH09-A1 and O-BH10-A1), based on bromine tracer tests previously conducted by Geosyntec Consultants (Guelph, Ontario, Canada). Monitoring well EW1 is actually an extraction well for the EISB. All four samples came from anaerobic locations with documented TCE contamination and dechlorination activity (Figure 4.2). Degradation of chloroethenes was observed in wells PM2A2 and EW1 starting with electron donor addition in July 2008 (Figure 4.2A-B). After bioaugmentation in October 2009, the rate of degradation rapidly increased and by July 2010 almost all the chloroethenes had been converted to ethene (Figure 4.2A-B). Degradation was observed over this time period in wells O-BH09-A1 and O-BH10-A1, though to a lesser degree (Figure 4.2C-D). The site is known to have a native DMC population (hence the biostimulation prior to bioaugmentation).<sup>26</sup>

#### **4.D.1. Nucleic Acid Results.**

As shown in Figure 4.3, the most prevalent DNA biomarkers observed in groundwater samples from the ISSO site were genes for 16S rRNA gene of DMC, VcrA and the 1545 homolog. BvcA, HupL and DET1559 homologs were detected, but at lower levels. TceA was not detected above a detection limit of 100 copies per milliliter of groundwater filtered. A previous study looked at 16S rRNA gene and RDase gene abundances at another bioaugmented, TCE-contaminated field site and found similar results – the 16S rRNA, VcrA and 1545 homolog genes were the most abundant, with BvcA and TceA detected at lower levels.<sup>8</sup> Varying levels of DNA biomarkers are due to the presence of multiple strains of DMC at the ISSO site. The 16S primers used in this study hit all strains of DMC – however, the other biomarkers are not present in all strains.



**Figure 4. 2. Chlorinated ethene concentrations over time for monitoring well PM2-A2 (A), extraction well EW1 (B), and background wells O-BH9-A1 (C) and O-BH10-A1 (D) at an industrial site in southwestern Ontario, Canada. Electron donor addition began in July 2008 (solid vertical line) and bioaugmentation with KB-1 occurred in October 2009 (dashed vertical line). Samples were collected for nucleic acid and proteomic analysis in October 2011 (dotted line). Note that ethene was not analyzed in well O-BH10-A1.**

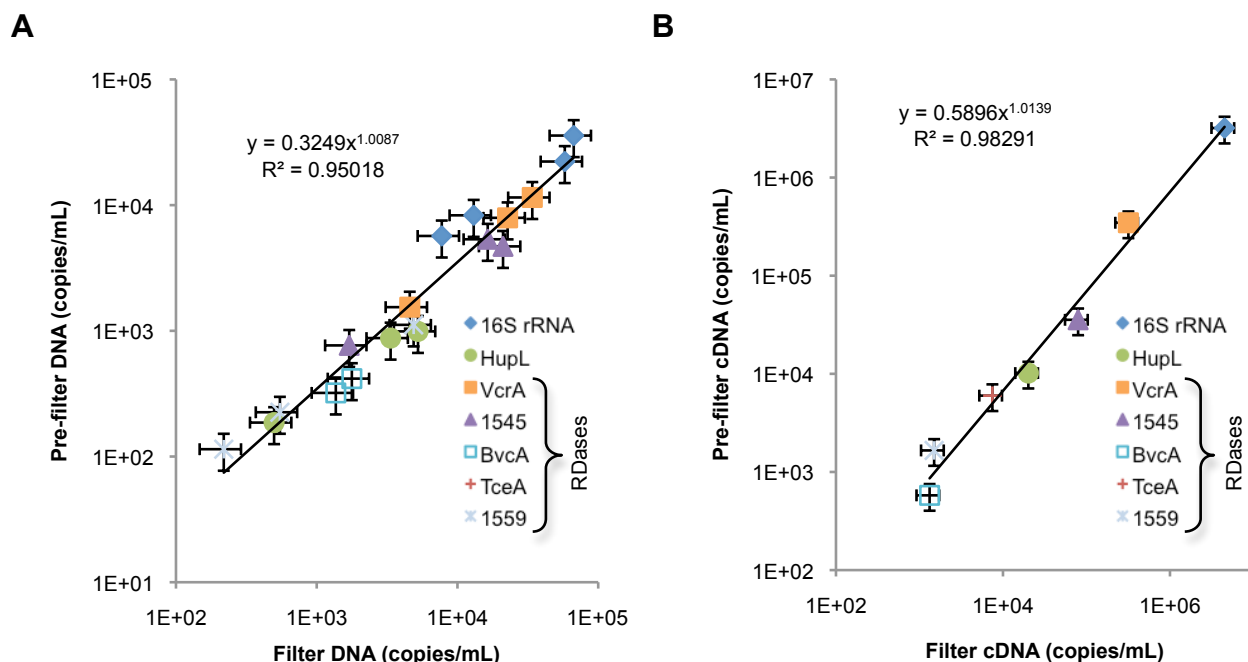


**Figure 4. 3. DNA biomarkers detected in filtered groundwater collected from monitoring and extraction wells at an industrial site in southwestern Ontario, Canada. The data in this figure are from DNA extracted off the filters (as opposed to the pre-filters). The detection limit is approximately 100 copies/mL. Error bars represent average standard deviations of replicate samples (n=3-6) of 10-20 experimental groups.**

The 1545 primers used in this study hit all strains of DMC with the 1545 homolog (DMC195, VS, CBDB1, GT, FL2 and BAV1, in which the gene is interrupted) and the KB-1 mixed culture – they do not hit any RDase from strain MB (which produces *trans*-DCE rather than *cis*-DCE).<sup>27</sup> In contrast, the HupL forward primer is specific for DMC195 (one mismatch at the last nucleotide when compared to CBDB1, GT, BAV1 and KB-1), and the reverse primer is specific for DMC195 and strain VS (two mismatches in the middle when compared to other strains). The specificity of the HupL primers used likely explains the low levels of HupL observed (Figure 4.3). BLASTs of the sequenced qPCR products showed that the expected qPCR products were produced with the VcrA and 1545 primers for both wells and for TceA primers for the O-BH9-A1 well, but that the expected qPCR products were not produced with the HupL primers.

RNA was successfully recovered in samples from monitoring wells EW1 and PM2A2.

Both the filter and the pre-filter were extracted, and RNA was detected in both samples (Table 4.1). The RNA extracted from wells O-BH9-A1 and O-BH10-A1 was either degraded or below quantification limits, and could not be analyzed further. Before qPCR analysis could be performed, the tube containing cDNA from well PM2A2's filter was lost. Consequently, results could only be provided for the cDNA from the pre-filter of this well. However, strong correlations were observed between the filter and pre-filter samples for both DNA from wells PM2A2 and EW1 (Figure 4.4A) and cDNA from well EW1 (Figure 4.4B) with  $R^2$  values of 0.95 and 0.98, respectively, and results suggest that approximately one third of the DMC (<0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter) are being retained on the 1.2  $\mu\text{m}$  pore size pre-filters.



**Figure 4. 4. Correlation of copies per mL on the filter to the pre-filter for DNA (A) and cDNA (B) for detected biomarkers. Points are colored by qPCR target. Error bars represent average standard deviations of replicate samples.**

As shown in Figure 4.5, the most prevalent RNA biomarkers observed in ground water samples for the ISSO site 16S rRNA, VcrA and the 1545-homolog. BvcA, HupL, TceA and DET1559 homologs were detected, but at lower levels. These trends follow closely with those observed for DNA. However the difference in order of magnitude was larger for cDNA than for

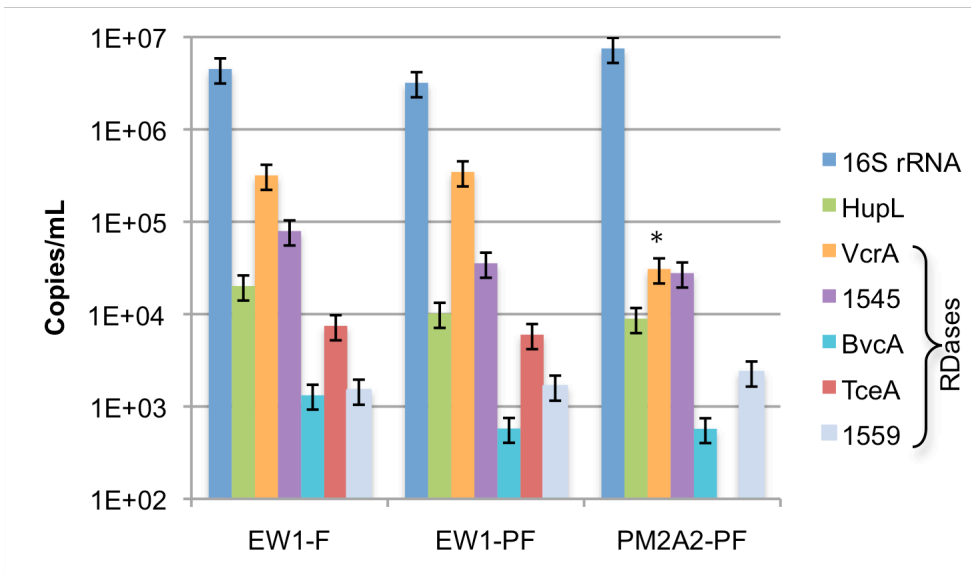
DNA. As shown in Figure 4.6, cDNA copies per DNA copy ranged from approximately 200 for 16S rRNA down to 0.5 for the DET1559 homolog (TceA was not detected). These ratios are similar to those found at another bioaugmented, TCE-contaminated field site and actively growing lab cultures.<sup>8,16</sup>

#### **4.D.2. Proteomic Results.**

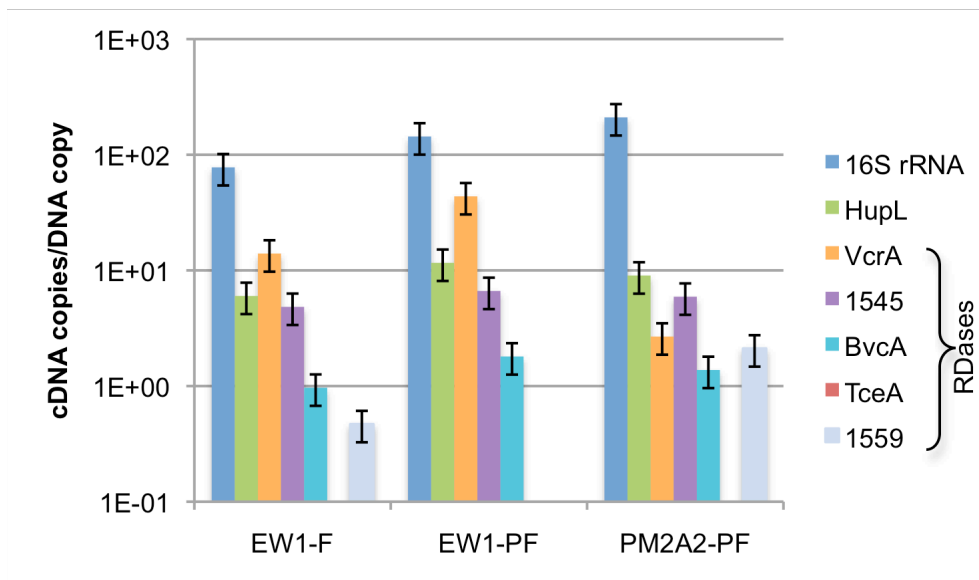
##### *Comparison of Field Proteome to Lab Proteome.*

A total of 507, 298, 1779 and 871 proteins were detected in the PM2A2, EW1, O-BH9-A1 and O-BH10-A1 samples, respectively, as compared to 3911 in the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> culture sample. These lower numbers are likely due to the complexity of the field samples (both phylogenetic complexity and geochemical complexity) and an insufficient metagenomic database for the soil microbial community. Surprisingly, higher total numbers of proteins were detected in the O-BH9-A1 and O-BH10-A1 samples as compared to the PM2A2 and EW1 samples, despite an order of magnitude lower total populations of DMC ( $\sim 1 \times 10^4$  DMC/mL versus  $1 \times 10^5$  DMC/mL). As discussed in the Materials and Methods section, the protein extraction methods for these sets of samples differed due to issues originally encountered with the PM2A2 and EW1 samples as a result of precipitated minerals in these samples. Therefore, it is possible that material was lost in the extraction and digestion processes for those two samples (See Table 4.1 for total material extracted). The low DMC protein count may also be due to its relative (not just absolute) population density. Many other phylogenetic groups are stimulated during EISB.

Of the 1596 proteins detected in the field samples, but not in the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> culture sample, 392 were identified as part of the KB-1 metagenome (Table A3.2). However, only 133 out of 392 were detected in more than one sample or had spectral counts greater than one. The remaining peptides not detected in the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> culture sample, but identified as part of the KB-1



**Figure 4. 5. cDNA biomarkers detected in groundwater collected from monitoring and extraction wells at the ISSO site in southwestern Ontario, Canada. The detection limit is approximately 100 copies/mL. Error bars represent average standard deviations of replicate samples. The star indicates that the efficiency of the VcrA sample for PM2A2-PF was outside the accepted range of 0.8-1.2, and that the value may be erring low.**



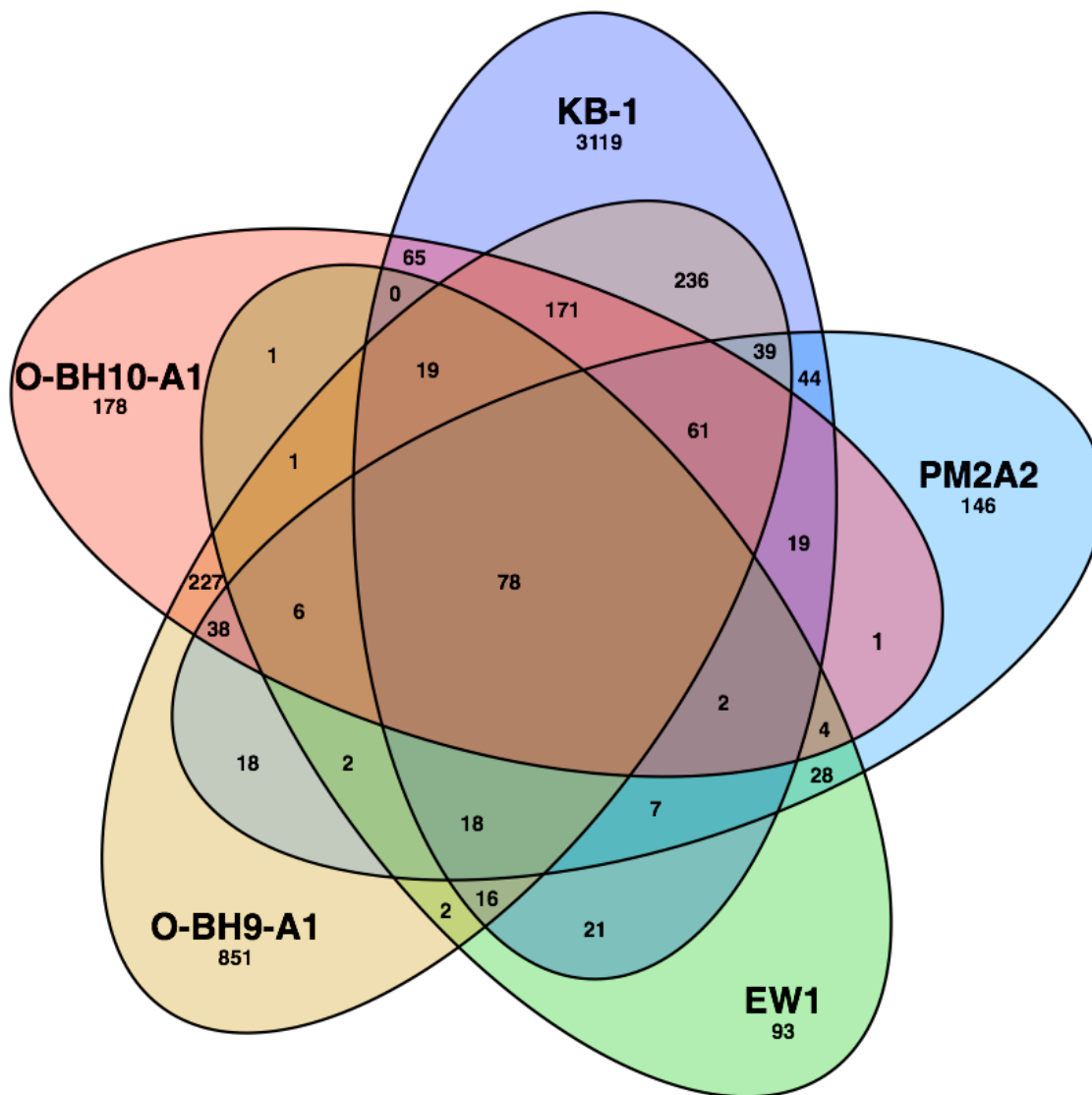
**Figure 4. 6. cDNA copies per DNA copy for detected biomarkers in the PM2A2 and EW1 groundwater samples. Error bars represent average standard deviations of replicate samples.**

metagenome were identified as belonging to DMC (179), *Geobacter* (40), or other KB-1 community members, methanogens, fermenters or spirochaetes (985). Figure 4.7 presents how the detected proteins overlap among the samples. 78 total proteins were detected in all five

samples (Table A3.3). These include VcrA and the 1545 homolog from DMC, and several ATP synthases and methyl-accepting chemotaxis proteins from various phylogenetic groups.

#### *Biomarker comparison.*

As with the DNA results, the most prevalent proteomic biomarkers detected in the field samples were VcrA and 1545 for all samples with the exception of O-BH9-A1, where PceA from



**Figure 4. 7. Overlap of detected proteins in the KB-1 mixed culture and the PM2A2, EW1, O-BH9-A1 and O-BH10-A1 field samples. Numbers indicate the number proteins detected. The databases searched include multiple phylogenies beyond *Dehalococcoides*, including methanogens, fermenters, *Geobacter* and other community member. This figure was generated from a template devised by Branko Gruenbaum and rendered by CMG Lee that is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 3.0 Unported license.**



*Geobacter* was the highest detected respiratory biomarker (Table 4.2). Figure 4.8 presents how those 15 biomarkers (RDases and HupL) were distributed among the samples. Nine RDases were found only in the KB-1 metaproteome sample and only two (VcrA and the 1545 homolog) were found in all the samples. The VcrA and 1545 homologs were strongly detected in the samples collected within the EISB. However, in wells O-BH9-A1 and O-BH10-A1, a greater number of RDases were detected, and their NSAF scores were more evenly distributed (Table 4.2). The Ni-Fe hydrogenase, HupL, was detected in all samples with the exception of PM2A2, where its NSAF was less than  $1.6 \times 10^{-4}$ . BvcA was strongly detected in the KB-1<sup>TM</sup>, O-BH9-A1 and O-BH10-A1, samples but not detected in PM2A2 or EW1. The *Geobacter* RDase PceA and the KB1\_1 RDase were detected only in the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> mixed culture and sample O-BH9-A1. Though the *Geobacter* RDase was not detected in all samples, *Geobacter* proteins were (Table A3.4). It is surprising that the *Geobacter* RDase was strongly detected in field sample O-BH9-A1. As seen in Figure 4.2, all four wells have had very low levels of TCE since before the EISB was installed. Consequently, *Geobacter* would presumably not have been actively degrading TCE. Alternatively, localized TCE concentrations could be higher than the groundwater sampling concentrations suggest. Seven of the detected proteins were detected in all samples (Table A3.4). Isocitrate dehydrogenase (Glov\_1624) was detected in all four field samples, as well as the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> sample, and citrate synthase (Glov\_1379) was detected in all samples with the exception of O-BH10-A1. The detection of these proteins are important because they have previously been detected in a field proteome study<sup>25</sup>, and citrate synthase has been identified as a biomarker of *Geobacter* activity.<sup>28</sup> Additionally, several oxidoreductases were detected in the proteomic samples: 9 were detected in the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> sample, 2 of these were detected in all samples except for O-BH10-A1, and 1 in both KB-1<sup>TM</sup> and EW1 (Table A3.4).

**Table 4. 2. Detected Biomarkers in Shotgun Field Samples Compared to the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> Metaproteome Sample. The NSAF is a sum of NSAF's for all detected homologs.**

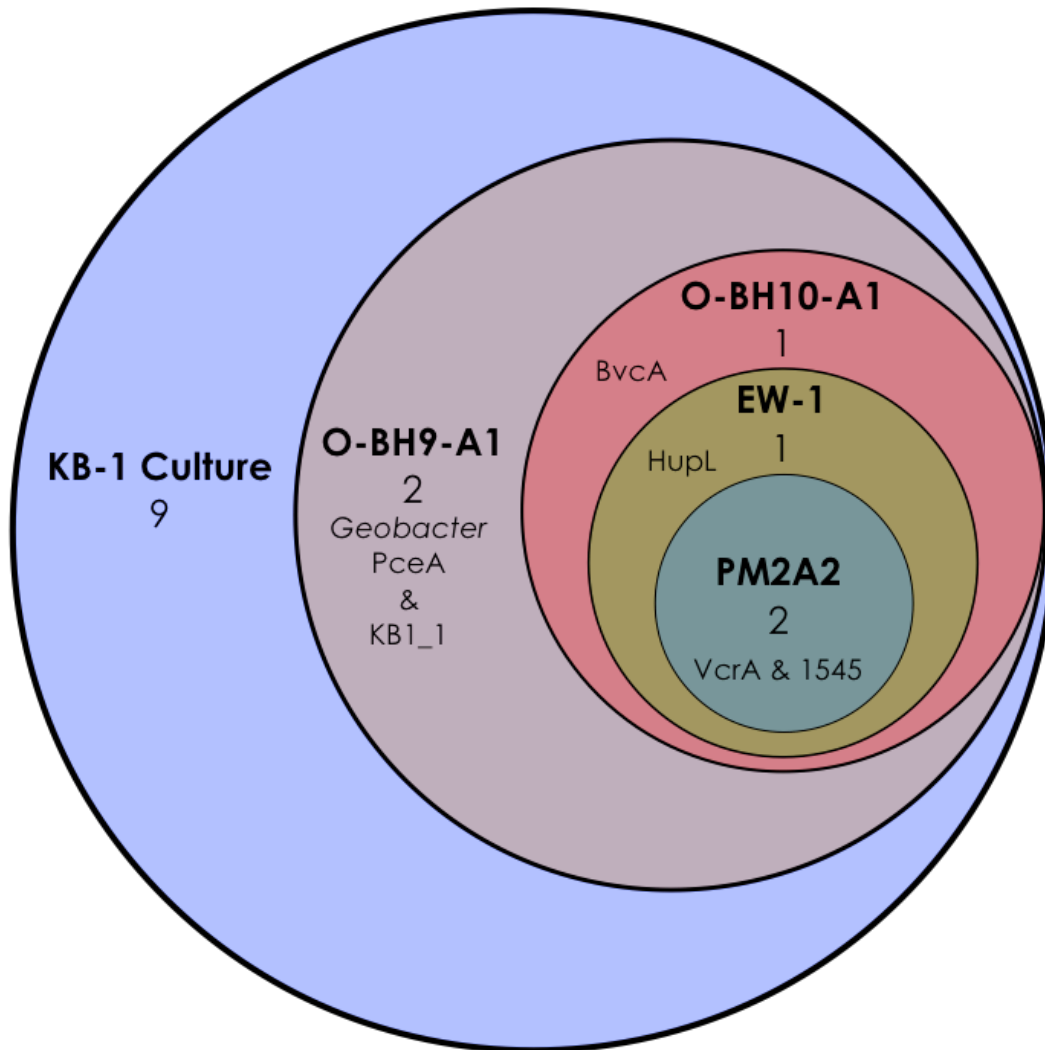
Homolog	KB-1 <sup>TM</sup>	NSAF x 10 <sup>5</sup>			
		Inside EISB		Outside EISB	
		PM2A2	EW1	O-BH9-A1	O-BH10-A1
VcrA	4723	2825	2624	384	516
1545-homolog	4684	382	488	155	140
HupL	959	<16	76	107	197
BvcA	923	<16	<31	105	68
KB1_8, KB1_9	66	<16	<31	<2.6	<7.1
DET0180	62	<16	<31	<2.6	<7.1
KB1_1	57	<16	<31	54	<7.1
TceA	49	<16	<31	<2.6	<7.1
KB1_1549	13	<16	<31	<2.6	<7.1
DET1528	8.4	<16	<31	<2.6	<7.1
KB1_7	7.7	<16	<31	<2.6	<7.1
DET1519	2.2	<16	<31	<2.6	<7.1
DET1538	1.1	<16	<31	<2.6	<7.1
cbdbA80	1.1	<16	<31	<2.6	<7.1
Geobacter PceA	94	<16	<31	537	<7.1

\*The detection limit is based on the lowest NSAF for that sample (i.e. if a protein's peptides were only found in one spectra in the whole spectral library).

#### *Strain-Resolution Using Metaproteome Results.*

As discussed in Chapter 2, regions of strain variation for the 1545 homolog were observed in the peptides detected for the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> mixed culture. One 1545 homolog peptide was detected in each of the PM2A2, EW1 and O-BH10-A1 field samples and two were detected in the O-BH9-A1 field sample. These peptides were also detected in the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> mixed culture sample. The detected peptides did not allow for strain identification (Cornell, VS or Pinellas subgroups) as the PM2A2 peptide and one of the O-BH9-A1 peptides aligned with all three groups and the EW1, O-BH10-A1, and remaining O-BH9-A1 peptides aligned with the Cornell and Pinellas subgroups (Figure 4.9).

With regards to strain variation, the HupL biomarker is also also informative. Although it is highly conserved among DMC strains (91% identity between DMC195 and strain VS, 89%



**Figure 4. 8. Overlap of detected DHC and *Geobacter* reductive dehalogenase, and HupL proteins in the KB-1 mixed culture and the PM2A2, EW1, O-BH9-A1 and O-BH10-A1 field samples. Numbers indicate the quantity of unique proteins detected.**

identity between DMC195 and strains GT, BAV1 and CBDB1, as determined by BLAST), some of the detected peptides are unique to specific DMC subgroups. Of the 74 HupL peptides that were detected in the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> culture, 14 peptides hit DMC195 alone, 28 peptides align with all five strains, five peptides align with the Pinellas group (CBDB1, GT and BAV1) but not DMC195 and VS, and thirteen peptides align with VS, CBDB1, GT and BAV1 but not DMC195 (Table A3.5). Consequently, DMC strains in KB-1<sup>TM</sup> could be differentiated by virtue of slight differences in the HupL homologs' peptides. Consensus peptides were generated from

<b>A</b>		
OBH9	-----LYTLTPEYGAPGR-----	
KB1	-----QKLYTLTPEYGAPGR-----	
DMC195	EASRQKLYTLTPEYGAPGRLYGV	
VS	EASRQKLYTLTPEYGAPGRLYGV	
CBDB1	EASRQKLYTLTPEYGAPGRLYGV	
GT	EASRQKLYTLTPEYGAPGRLYGV	
FL2	EASRQKLYTLTPEYGAPGRLYGV	
KB1	EASRQKLYTLTPEYGAPGRLYGV	
<b>B</b>		
EW1	-----YLG YQLIGTIGNDAR-----	
KB1	-----YLG YQLIGTIGNDAR-----	
DMC195	NFLRYLG YQLIGTIGNDAR YVGS	
VS	NFLRYLG YQLIGTIGNDAR YVGS	
CBDB1	NFLRYLG YQLIGTIGNDAR YVGS	
GT	NFLRYLG YQLIGTIGNDAR YVGS	
FL2	NFLRYLG YQLIGTIGNDAR YVGS	
KB1	NFLRYLG YQLIGTIGNDAR YVGS	
<b>C</b>		
OBH10	-----PIVFENVPK-----	
OBH9	-----PIVFENVPK-----	
KB1	-----PIVFENVPK-----	
DMC195	TAARPIVFENVAKAYET	
VS	TAARPIVFENVPKAYET	
CBDB1	TAARPIVFENVPKAYET	
GT	TAARPIVFENVPKAYET	
FL2	TAARPIVFENVPKAYET	
KB1	TAARPIVFENVPKAYET	
<b>D</b>		
PM2A2	-----VLGAAALSAELAER-----	
KB1	-----VLGAAALSAELAER-----	
DMC195	GADRVLGAAALSAELAERTASN	
VS	GADRVLGAAALSAELAERTASN	
CBDB1	GADRVLGAAALSAELAERTASN	
GT	GADRVLGAAALSAELAERTASN	
FL2	GADRVLGAAALSAELAERTASN	
KB1	GADRVLGAAALSAELAERTASN	

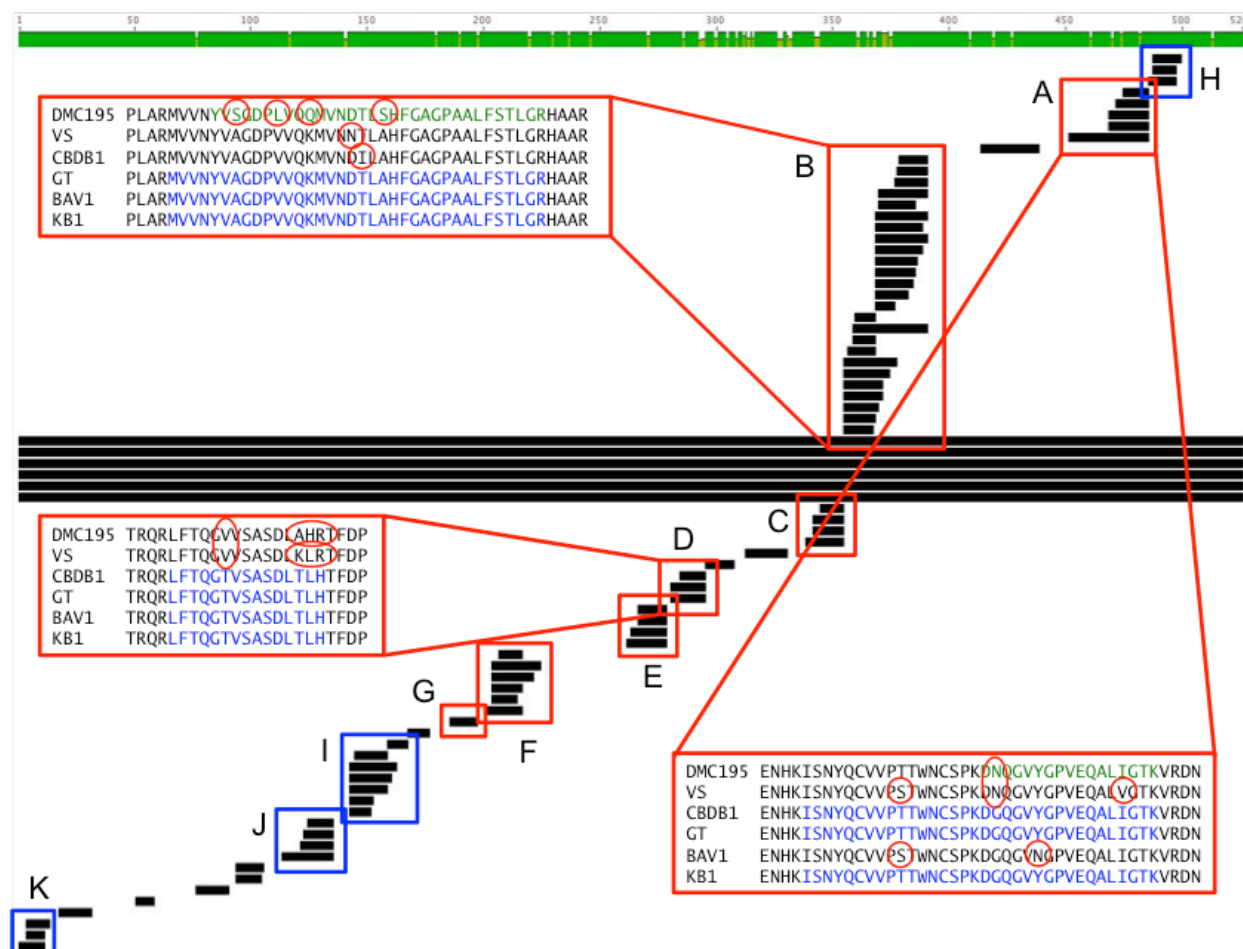
**Figure 4. 9. Four regions of the 1545-homolog where peptides were detected in the field samples (green) as compared to peptides detected in the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> mixed culture sample (blue). Six homologs from DMC genomes and the KB-1 metagenome are shown in black. The amino acids that differ are circled in red if they match the DMC195 sequence and in blue if they match the remaining sequences. Panel A represents region F, Panel B represents region B, Panel C represents region D, and Panel D represents region G in Figure 3.5 .**

alignments of detected peptides with available full homolog sequences (Table 4.3). Seven regions of the HupL sequence had strain specificity in the detected peptides (red boxes A-G in Figure 4.10). Four regions were found to be highly conserved (blue boxes H-K in Figure 4.10) and contained multiple detected peptides that aligned with strains from all groups (Cornell, VS and Pinellas). Four HupL peptides were detected in each of the O-BH9-A1 and O-BH10-A1 field samples. These peptides were also detected in the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> mixed culture sample. One peptide did not allow for strain identification (Cornell, VS or Pinellas subgroups) as it aligned with all strains (Figure 11A) The other three peptides, however, did allow for strain differentiation. The “DGQGVYGPVEQALIGTK” peptide (Figure 11B) aligned with the Pinellas group and not the Cornell or VS groups. The “YENTPYEVGPLAR” and “LAHELSAIYSGR” peptides (Figure 11C-D) aligned with the VS and Pinellas groups, but not the Cornell group. Additionally, it is interesting to note that the peptides detected in the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> mixed culture in Figure 11B-C both aligned with the Cornell group.

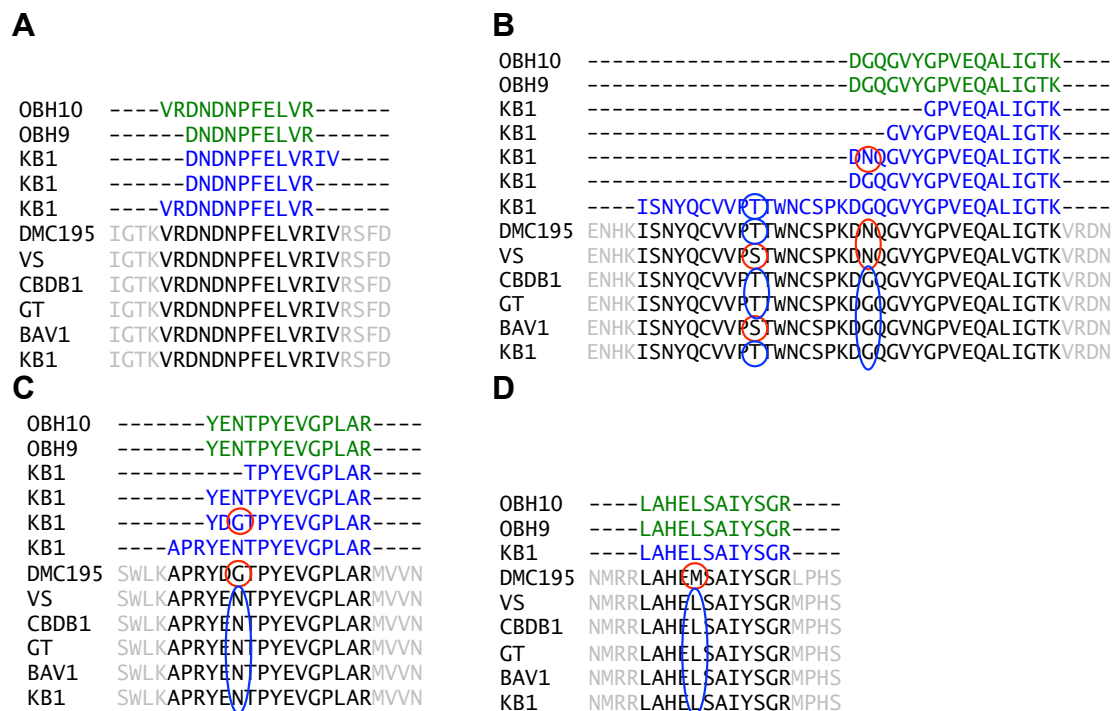
**Table 4. 3. Consensus HupL Homolog Peptides Detected in Shotgun KB-1™ Sample. Peptides are highlighted based on their specificity the Cornell group (green) or the Pinellas group (orange), and peptides highlighted in blue are highly conserved.**

Peptide Numbers	Consensus Sequence	Spectral Count	Cornell Group DMC195	Victoria Group VS	Pinellas Group		BAV1	KB1-UT Mixed Culture
					CBDB1	GT		
15,16,65	VRDNDNPFELVRIV	75	X	X	X	X	X	X
24,27	GVYGPVEQALIGTK	35	X		X	X	X*	X
12,30	ISNYQCVVPTTWNCSPKDGQGVYGPV EQALIGTK	11	X	X		X		
17	DNQGVYGPVEQALIGTK	2	X					
29	IGEPVIADYEIPETAEGMGLWEAPR	9	X					
45,46,51,52,53,74	MVVNYVSGDPLVQQMVNDTLSHFGA GPAALFSTLGR	28	X					
3,20,21	FGAGPAALFSTLGR	43	X	X	X	X	X	X
38,39,40,41,42,43,44, 62,63	MVNDTLAHFGAGPAALFSTLGR	180				X	X	X
47,48,49,50,61,64,73	MVVNYVAGDPVVQKMVN	31		X	X	X	X	X
10,59,72	APRYENTPYEVGPLAR	26		X	X	X	X	X
70	YDGTPEYEVGPLAR	6	X					
22	GDTTEYPLNEVTEPEFTK	2	X					
58	TFDPSKITESIK	1	X					
26,36	LFTQGVVSASDLAHR	9	X					
35	LFTQGTVSASDLTLH	15			X	X	X	X
14	DLEASGTNLATR	1	X					
13,25,57	SYGVFDLEANGTNLATR	12		X	X	X	X	X
23,56,66,67,68,69	SVAVVAGGVTSHPIDSISSEFMSK	32			X	X	X	X
34	LAHELSAIYSGR	17		X	X	X	X	X
33	KVAQAATAVAH	9	X	X	X	X	X	X
2,4,5,6,7,8,71	ALAAGDMSMLAPFYPRYEGDYRLPK	34	X	X	X	X	X	X
18,19,60	ALDYVDVTEVADYDGTDPPELLK	4	X	X	X	X	X	X
9	ALDYVDVTEVADYDGTDPPELLK	9	X		X	X	X	X
54,55	NLIQGANYIASH	4	X	X	X	X	X	X
1	AAFGVADKIPNNGR	2			X	X	X	X
11	DAVHITQR	5	X	X	X	X	X	X
28	IEATVDGGEVKDAK	1	X	X	X	X	X	X
31,32,37	MQKIVIDPITRIE	22	X	X	X	X	X	X

\*One peptide doesn't hit BAV1



**Figure 4. 10. A comparison of HupL-homolog peptides detected in the KB-1 culture sample to the HupL-homolog sequences of DMC195, DMC strains VS, CBDB1, GT, BAV1 and the KB-1 mixed culture. Peptides boxed in red (A-G) show strain specificity, whereas peptides boxed in blue (H-K) are highly conserved and align across all strains. Consensus peptides are highlighted in blue, and variations that were detected are highlighted in green, with the differences circled in red. The consensus sequence is the combined sequence of all detected peptides that align with a strain. This figure was created using Geneious version 5.0.4 created by Biomatters.**



**Figure 4. 11. Four regions of the HupL-homolog where peptides were detected in the O-BH9-A1 and O-BH10-A1 field samples (green) as compared to the KB-1 mixed culture sample (blue). The amino acids that differ are circled in red if they match the DMC195 sequence and in blue if they match the remaining sequences. Panel A represents region G in Figure 4.10, and Panel B represents region A in Figure 4.10, Panel C represents region C in Figure 4.10, and Panel D represents region H in Figure 4.10.**

The key results of this study are that DMC proteins can be detected in field samples, and that the detected RDases are a subset of those present in the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> mixed culture that was used to bioaugment the site. Additionally, the most highly detected biomarkers were the same across the board for DNA, RNA and protein (VcrA and the 1545 homolog). However, the advantage that can be seen for proteomic analysis of field samples is for strain differentiation, which could be used to track changes in microbial community composition. Strain differentiation is possible with qPCR of nucleic acids, though multiple primer sets are necessary for each target and “cross-talk” must be carefully considered. Ultimately, a quantitative proteomic biomarker method is the goal. This is the first report of proteomic data from EISB sites undergoing chloroethene

bioremediation and even extends to native populations in nearby wells outside the active EISB zone.

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## CHAPTER 5

### Summary and Future Directions

#### **5.A. Summary of Research Objectives**

The main objective of this study was to test DNA, mRNA and protein as specific and robust biomarkers of anaerobic reductive dechlorination by *Dehalococcoides* strains in predictive modeling, with mixed microbial cultures, and at a field site. The specific objectives undertaken, as given in Chapter 1, to achieve this were:

- 1) Develop a mechanistic model of the D2 mixed community based on species-specific molecular biological data (DNA and RNA) that also incorporated competitive inhibition.
- 2) Develop robust empirical relationships between mRNA levels and instantaneous respiration rates in different DMC-containing mixed cultures (D2 and KB-1). This was expected to provide a suite of robust biomarkers of reductive dechlorination that target multiple strains of DMC.
- 3) Detect field proteomes for DMC (which had not yet been successfully done) and make a comparison of DNA, mRNA and protein biomarker detection in samples from a TCE-contaminated site in Ft. Erie, Canada.

#### **5.B. Summary of Biokinetic Model Development**

A comprehensive biokinetic model of a community containing *Dehalococcoides mccartyi* was updated to describe continuously fed reactors with specific biomass levels based on quantitative PCR (qPCR)-based population data (DNA and RNA). The model was calibrated and validated with subsets of chemical and molecular biological data from various continuous feed experiments (n=24) with different loading rates of the electron acceptor (1.5 to 482  $\mu\text{eq/L-h}$ ),

types of electron acceptor [tetrachloroethene (PCE), trichloroethene (TCE), *cis*-dichloroethene (*cis*-DCE)] and electron donor to electron acceptor ratios.

The resulting model predicted the sum of dechlorination products vinyl chloride (VC) and ethene well. However, VC alone was under-predicted and ethene was over-predicted. Consequently, competitive inhibition among chlorinated ethenes was examined and then added to the model. Additionally, as 16S rRNA gene copy numbers did not provide accurate model fits in all cases, we examined whether an improved fit could be obtained if mRNA levels for key functional enzymes could be used to infer respiration rates. The resulting empirically-derived mRNA “adjustment factors” were added to the model for both DMC and the main methanogen in the culture (a *Methanosaeta* species) to provide a more nuanced description of activity. Results of this study suggest that at higher feeding rates, competitive inhibition is important and mRNA provides a more accurate indicator of a population’s instantaneous activity than 16S rRNA gene copies alone as biomass estimates. The use of mRNA as a biomarker of specific respiratory activity was especially valuable in cases of high chloroethene concentrations, where there was potential for toxicity to various community members and a purely biokinetic model overpredicted dechlorination and methanogenesis. mRNA levels (McrA for the *Methanosaeta* and HupL for the DMC) served as good biomarkers of methanogenesis and dechlorination rates, and improved model fits significantly. This work demonstrates one possible strategy for integrating quantitative molecular biomarkers into biokinetic modelings of mixed cultures.

### **5.C. *Summary of Biomarker Development***

Quantitative reverse-transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (qRT-PCR) data were taken from microcosms containing the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> consortium, operated under continuous, chlorinated ethene feed conditions, with the aim of clarifying relationships, creating a more robust set of

biomarkers that could be used at field sites bioaugmented with the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> culture. The key results of this study are that the correlation between respiration rate and mRNA transcript number was upheld for HupL and 16S rRNA, and significant differences were observed for TeeA and 1545 when comparing the two mixed cultures studied (KB-1<sup>TM</sup> and D2). A correlation was also observed for VcrA expression compared to respiration rate in the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> mixed culture. Additionally, correlation trends for HupL and VcrA were upheld when looking at proteomic ion intensities as compared to respiration rates, though protein changes were not as drastic as they were for mRNA transcripts.

Addition of stressors caused respiration rates to decrease significantly while mRNA degraded more slowly, indicating that transcript abundance alone cannot predict respiration rate in stressed conditions within hours to days following stress. However, both transcriptomic and proteomic data indicated initial recovery of specific DMC strains that have homologs for 1545 and BvcA as opposed to a strain with VcrA.

#### **5.D. *Summary of Field Site Proteome***

We reported on a successful proteomics-based method for identifying *Dehalococcoides* and *Geobacter* biomarkers of reductive dechlorination at a trichloroethene-contaminated industrial site in Ft. Erie, Ontario that had been bio-augmented with the commercially-available KB-1<sup>TM</sup> microbial culture. Samples were obtained from two wells with high hydraulic connectivity to the enhanced in-situ bioremediation system, and two with low hydraulic connectivity. The DNA and RNA biomarkers examined were the 16S rRNA gene, a set of reductive dehalogenases, and the highly-conserved Ni-Fe hydrogenase, HupL. Proteomic biomarkers of organohalide respiration were detected in all four field samples' metaproteomes, and the key reductive dehalogenases present in the bioaugmentation culture were the most highly

detected biomarkers, suggesting that deployed DMC strains maintain devotion to high RDase concentrations in the field.

The key results of this study are that DMC proteins can be detected in field samples, that site geochemistry can significantly affect proteome extraction and analysis workflows, and that the detected RDases are the same as those present in the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> mixed culture that was used to bioaugment the site. Additionally, the most highly detected biomarkers were the same across the board for DNA, RNA and protein (VcrA and the 1545 homolog). However, the advantage that can be seen for proteomic analysis of field samples is for strain differentiation, which could be used to track changes in microbial community composition. Strain differentiation is possible with qPCR of nucleic acids, but multiple primer sets are necessary for each target and “cross-talk” must be carefully considered. Ultimately, a quantitative proteomic biomarker method is the goal. This is the first report of proteomic data from EISB sites undergoing chloroethene bioremediation.

#### ***5.E. Methodological Future Directions***

Ultimately, absolute quantification of biomarkers in field samples is the goal. Multiple Reaction Monitoring (MRM) has been used successfully to quantify preselected proteomic biomarkers in DMC-containing mixed culture samples.<sup>1,2</sup> MRM is an LC-MS/MS method in which the specific transition ions for specific peptides are targeted and monitored as a function of retention time. Five DMC cultures were used to develop an initial suite of RDase MRM targets: D2, KB-1, CBDB1, BDI and VS. Samples were extracted and digested according to the shotgun proteomics methods reported by Werner and Rowe.<sup>2,3</sup> Shotgun analysis was performed on each sample. The results of the shotgun analyses were compared to a DMC/methanogen database to determine detected peptides. Using software designed for selecting peptide targets

from nanoLC-MS/MS spectra (MRMpilot, ABI), which ranks the detected peptides as likely MRM targets, a list of potential targets was generated using the following criteria:

1. The peptides chosen had been detected by shotgun proteomics with no potential post-translational modifications, no methionine in the sequence, no missed cleavages, and 99% confidence in identification.
2. The peptides were unique to the specific protein when searched across all genomes.

Additionally, Rowe suggested use of internal standards to account for issues with varying retention times for peptide targets in complex culture samples.<sup>4</sup> Field samples are even more complex than mixed culture samples, so isotopically-labeled internal standards for each peptide target were created at the Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory (EMSL) at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. Such internal standards can help to deal with two results of matrix effects: retention time shift and ion suppression. EMSL has attempted to run MRM on the field samples discussed in Chapter 4, without success as of yet. It is possible that, as discussed in Chapter 4, there was a loss of material during the extraction, and not enough remained for quantification. Also, methods designed for laboratory techniques are often not applicable to environmental samples. Now that shotgun proteomic data is available from field samples, this MRM target list can be expanded and/or modified based on peptides that were detected in the field.

## **5.F. Suggested Future Research Directions**

### **5.F.1. Biokinetic Model**

*Syntrophomonas* has been shown to produce polyhydroxybutyrate (PHB) granules to store alkanolic acids when they are exposed to a transient substrate supply, like the batch feeding



of our mixed culture.<sup>5,6</sup> A key enzyme in PHB production is PHB synthase (3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydratase (Locus ID: Swol\_1936) in *Syntrophomonas*).<sup>7</sup> The homolog of this gene in the D2 metagenome is PCEOTH\_1714030 (IMG-M taxon ID: 2032320001, <http://img.jgi.doe.gov/cgi-bin/m/main.cgi>). After designing new primers we looked at mRNA expression levels for PHB synthase in these experiments. It was observed that at higher electron donor feeding rates, which correspond to greater amounts of missing eeqs, PHB synthase expression was up-regulated relative to time zero (Figure A1.5 in Appendix I). However, this information was not included in the present version of the model – and butyrate is still not predicted well. Modification of the model to account for this butyrate storage as PHB granules could be useful.

An important characteristic of the D2 mixed culture is competition for hydrogen between DMC195 and *Methanospirillum hungatei*, a hydrogenotrophic methanogen. Empirical trends have been established correlating respiration rate to FrcA and MvrD expression in *Methanospirillum*. Incorporation of this relationship into the biokinetic model could add to its value.

Another point on which the model could be improved is the mRNA adjustment factor. The values we currently are using for mRNA transcript abundance are final time point values. We originally analyzed the initial and final time points to look for a change in biomarker expression. Due to the limited amount of cDNA available from each experiment modeled in Chapter 2, and the high number of targets already analyzed, we were unable to look at more data points.<sup>2,8</sup> The design of new experiments to target the mRNA response in high feed rate conditions could add to the value of the model.

The biokinetic model was successfully modified to utilize DNA-based kinetic

parameters. While this model is applicable to our mixed culture where we have only one strain of DMC present, the highly conserved nature of the 16S rRNA gene among DHC strains makes this model not ideal for field sites where the strain of DMC present may be unknown. The biokinetic model could be modified (and simplified) by reworking the existing kinetic relationships so that they are based on absolute protein levels rather than 16S rRNA gene levels. Enzyme kinetic parameters have already been estimated for the DMC195 RDases TceA and PceA.<sup>2</sup>

### **5.F.2. Biomarkers of Reductive Dechlorination**

In KB-1<sup>TM</sup>, increasing the number and variety of experiments performed will help resolve biomarker trends that have been observed (e.g. the difference 1545 homolog expression between the D2 and KB-1<sup>TM</sup> mixed cultures). Additionally, evaluation of proteomic data from the field site revealed that BvcA is likely significant at field sites undergoing biostimulation and/or bioaugmentation. Examination of BvcA expression trends in the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> mixed culture would be informative. DNA and cDNA stocks are available for the experiments discussed in Chapter 3, and could be analyzed. Additionally, as *Geobacter* is an important member of the KB-1 mixed culture, examination of *Geobacter* 16S rRNA and PceA expression trends, and 16S rRNA gene levels in the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> culture and field sample stocks that we have would could lead to additional biomarkers of reductive dechlorination.

As noted in Chapter 4, the HupL primers used in this study are specific for DMC195, with at least one mismatch to other strains' homologs. Additional examination of HupL expression trends could be conducted using KB-1<sup>TM</sup> and field sample DNA and cDNA stocks that we have stored in the lab from the samples/experiments discussed in Chapters 3 and 4. The use of primers that hit all strains would be informative as HupL is a highly conserved gene among DMC strains (like 1545) – this would complement the HupL proteomic data that was

presented.

Contaminated field sites often have more than one type of chlorinated organic contaminant, and understanding the dynamics of these would be interesting. Conducting PSS experiments with multiple electron acceptors (beyond the inhibition studies discussed in Chapter 2), could provide valuable information about biomarkers in more complex environmental systems.

### **5.F.3. Field Proteomics**

It is important to continue to work on a method of absolute quantification of protein in environmental samples. Ideally, one would find a field site and concurrently analyze samples for DNA, RNA, protein and metabolites over time and see if a relationship can be established between respiration rate and biomarker quantities. Additionally, we have recently received shotgun proteomic data from TCE-contaminated field site that had been bioaugmented with Shaw-SDC, a commercially available mixed culture that contains different strains of DMC than the KB-1<sup>TM</sup> mixed culture. An in depth comparison of these proteomic results to those reported in Chapter 4 would be very informative with regards to biomarkers of anaerobic reductive dechlorination among varying DMC strains.

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# APPENDIX I:

## Supporting Information for Chapter 2

### A1.A. Supporting Tables

**Table A1. 1. Experimental Parameters for Model Calibration and Validation**

Experiment	Culture Title	Length of Experiment (days)	EA	EA Feed Rate (μeq/L-h)	ED	ED Feed Rate (μmol/h)	eeq ratio ED/EA as H2*	Average Measured Respiration Rate (μeq/L-h)
PCE Half Butyrate	PHB1	7	PCE	104	But	1	0.74	84.6
	PHB2			45.7			1.68	39.3
	PHB3			106			0.72	97.2
DCE High	DH1_INHIB	7	DCE	119	But	6	2.03	37.4
	DH2_INHIB			114			1.81	35.6
	DH3_INHIB			127			2.69	46.4
PCE High Low	HLH1_INHIB	2**	PCE	316	But	26	2.62	141
	HLH2_INHIB			482			1.72	156
	HLH1_INHIB	435		1.90			78.6	
	HLH2_INHIB	481		1.72			82.3	
	HLH3	7**		183		4.52	138	
	HLL1			4.9		4.14	4.9	
	HLL2			4.7		4.14	4.8	
	HLL3			5.9		3.31	5.9	
PCE 0, YE	P0FY01	4	PCE	6.6	none	0	0.00	1.70
	P0FY02			5.4			0.00	1.59
	P0FYY1	7		4.9			2.79	4.54
	P0FYY2			4.7			2.79	4.34
PCE High	HiP1	1	PCE	259	But	26	3.37	141
	HiP2			231			3.78	133
	HiP3			279			3.13	167
TCE 3 Rates	T3A1	4	TCE	34.2	But	4	3.79	34.2
	T3B1			6.9		0.9	5.14	6.9
	T3C1			1.5		0.2	11.40	1.5
DCE-3 Rates	D3A1	4	DCE	36.7	But	4	2.65	36.7
	D3B1			8.9		0.9	2.97	8.9
	D3C1			2.3		0.2	5.46	2.3
	D3A2			32.4		4	3.04	32.4
	D3B2			8.2		0.9	3.25	8.2
	D3C2			2.3		0.2	5.37	2.3

\* Assumes butyrate  $\rightarrow$  2 acetate + 2 H<sub>2</sub> as fermentation stoichiometry

\*\* Bottles were modeled for the first two days of the experiment, and also the entire experiment (7 days) – these were treated as different experiments and respiration and feeding rates were calculated for 2 and 7 days, respectively

**Table A1. 2. Model improvement by adding competitive inhibition to the model as gauged by  $\chi^2$  goodness of fit.**

	POFY01		POFY02		POFY01		POFY02		HLL1		HLL2		HLL3	
	No INH	INH	No INH	INH	No INH	INH	No INH	INH	No INH	INH	No INH	INH	No INH	INH
PCE	1.5	0.35	0.49	0.24	48	66	44	52	128	112	121	108	246	213
TCE	0.83	0.057	0.17	0.26	0.13	0.12	0.22	0.21	0.62	0.62	6.8E-4	5.9E-4	0.021	0.021
DCE	107	302	2.5	6.5	5.1	8.9	2.9	4.9	3.3	3.3	2.2	2.1	4.8	4.8
VC	2.6	0.36	2.7	0.35	3.4	3.1	1.5	1.0	4.8	4.1	4.4	3.9	7.1	6.0
ETH	7.1E-4	3.0	0.0035	0.87	1.7	2.3	1.9	2.4	1.8	1.3	2.1	1.5	2.8	2.2
VC+ETH	2.5	0.17	2.7	0.26	1.5	3.0	1.4	1.5	0.39	0.37	0.60	0.58	0.52	0.50
Butyrate	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Acetate	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1478	3803	1309	3382	1283	3020
H2	0.075	0.066	0.097	0.088	1.0	1.6	1.7	2.0	0.11	0.10	0.24	0.22	0.27	0.24
Methane	8.4	19	3.83	10	104	99	78	78	81	239	82	396	800	2350

	PHB1		PHB2		PHB3		HLH1_INHIB		HLH2_INHIB		HLH3		HiP1	
	No INH	INH	No INH	INH	No INH	INH	No INH	INH	No INH	INH	No INH	INH	No INH	INH
PCE	431	1390	13376	13068	5623	5556	149	66	295	83	764	30496	30	38
TCE	455	152	6.7	6.4	98	108	1.3	5.2	3703	40	7.3	7.7	11	15
DCE	283	2019	83	79	1823	1626	0.22	1214	18	3472	3.8	340	140	549
VC	42	38	65	65	70	81	20	37	57	67	475	207	3.3	23
ETH	452	36	21	22	169	85	1113	8.6	1971	14	2823	1493	91	4.3
VC+ETH	63	42	37	38	122	125	269	32	604	37	152	105	14	27
Butyrate	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	42	87	63	118	5751	6666	4968	6851
Acetate	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	30	19	32	20	210	232	4.6	52
H2	19	19	3.2	3.2	15	17	1.3	1.6	0.53	0.55	0.67	0.51	1.7	4.3
Methane	45	43	108	116	193	192	4126	3811	3115	2853	15094	15001	1165	864

	HiP2		HiP3		T3A1		T3B1		T3C1		D3A2		D3B2	
	No INH	INH	No INH	INH	No INH	INH	No INH	INH	No INH	INH	No INH	INH	No INH	INH
PCE	24	45	175	1212	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
TCE	0.0043	4.3	57	8.7	0.65	0.40	0.0021	0.0035	0.0044	0.0044	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
DCE	217	868	81	276	27	64	1.6	2.3	0.19	0.18	138	141	22	21
VC	8.2	27	5.7	37	24	6.4	1.1	0.48	0.035	0.027	49	23	1.9	1.6
ETH	58	6.5	61	11	19	2.9	0.057	0.13	0.0037	0.022	38	17	0.77	1.7
VC+ETH	12	33	8.8	47	1.7	1.7	0.33	0.33	0.014	0.014	10	10	1.9	1.9
Butyrate	5448	7427	5961	8257	5505	7702	0.81	1.0	2.0	2.0	2509	2650	0.78	0.81
Acetate	8.7	61	14	77	338	312	6.0	3.1	435	543	804	805	4423	4431
H2	1.7	4.7	1.7	5.3	1.9	1.5	0.18	0.17	0.058	0.066	0.43	0.47	0.048	0.047
Methane	958	711	654	451	114	208	0.19	34	3.7	50	4603	4622	42	43
	D3C2		DH1_INHIB		DH2_INHIB		DH3_INHIB		D3B1		D3C1			
	No INH	INH	No INH	INH	No INH	INH	No INH	INH	No INH	INH	No INH	INH		
PCE	n/a	n/a		0		0		0		0		0		
TCE	n/a	n/a		0		0		0		0		0		
DCE	3.3	3.2		3.8E5		2.9E5		6.2E5		28		3.4		
VC	0.17	0.45		394		181		255		1.2		1.9		
ETH	0.31	0.54		1.1E5		1.1E5		9.7E4		1.4		0.43		
VC+ETH	0.052	0.054		6016		5504		4324		0.52		1.2		
Butyrate	2.0	2.0		3.0E4		4.5E4		3.8E4		0.71		2.0		
Acetate	596	594		5.6E5		5.7E5		4.6E5		25		206		
H2	0.095	0.095		3.7		4.7		2.3		0.038		0.033		
Methane	29	29		7.6E5		8.8E5		8.1E5		82		192		

\* Green highlighting indicates that the  $\chi^2$  value is lower for INH than for no INH for that metabolite.

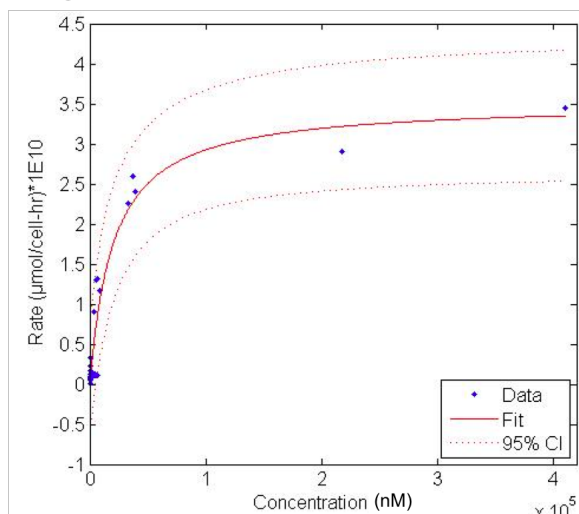
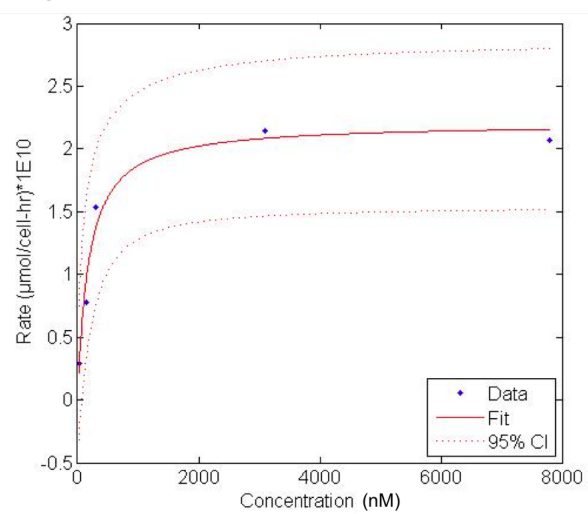
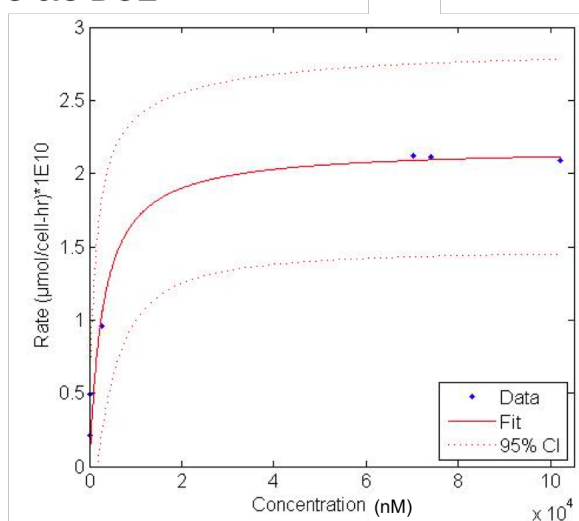
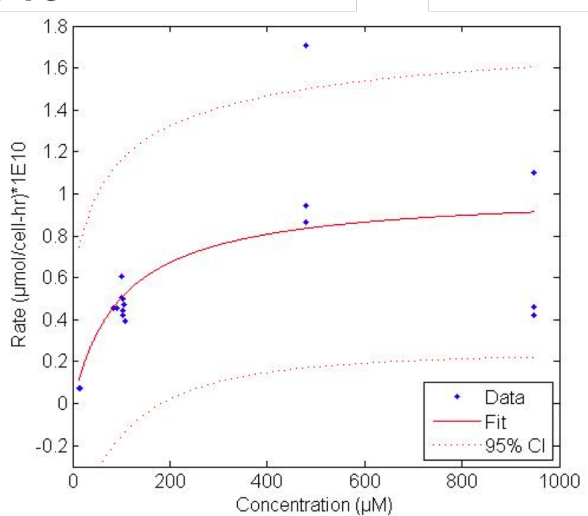
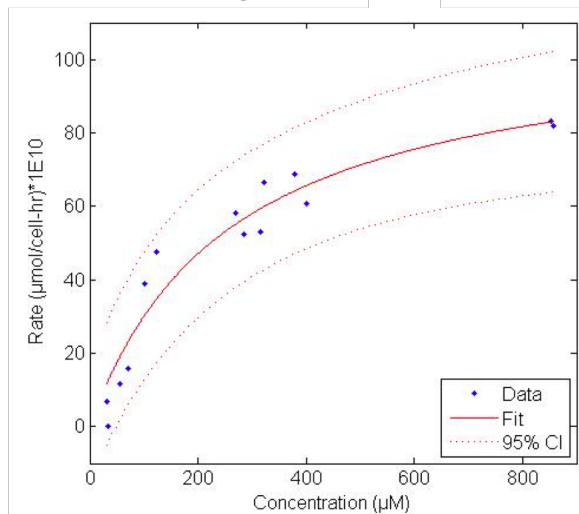
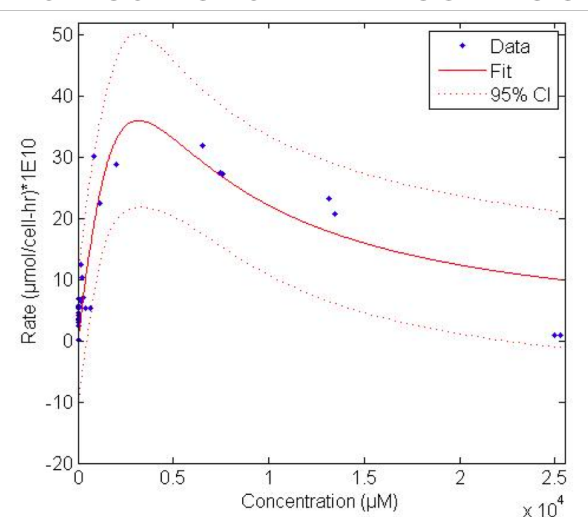
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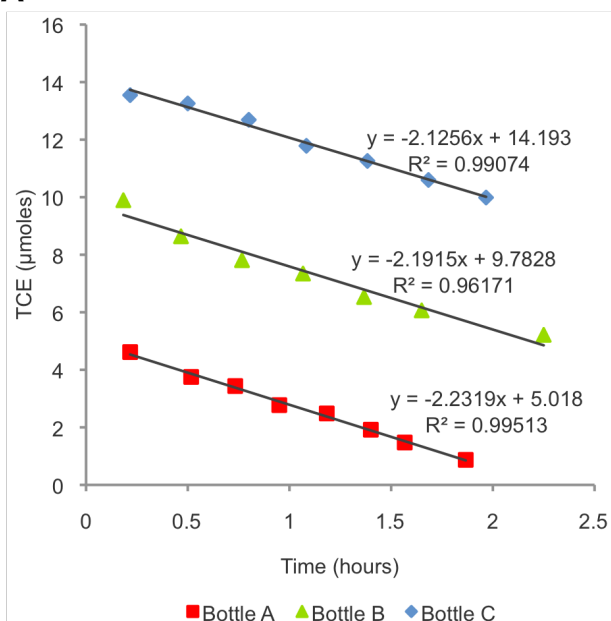
	P0FY01	P0FY02	P0FYY1	P0FYY2	HLL1	HLL2	HLL3	PHB1	PHB2	PHB3
PCE	0.35	0.24	66	52	112	108	213	1390	13068	5556
TCE	0.057	0.26	0.12	0.21	0.62	0.00059	0.021	152	6.4	108
DCE	302	6.5	8.9	4.9	3.3	2.1	4.8	2019	79	1626
VC	0.36	0.35	3.1	1.0	4.1	3.9	6.0	38	65	81
ETH	3.0	0.87	2.3	2.4	1.3	1.5	2.2	36	22	85
VC+ETH	0.17	0.26	3.0	1.5	0.37	0.58	0.50	42	38	125
Butyrate	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.0	3.0	3.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Acetate	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3803	3382	3020	n/a	n/a	n/a
H2	0.066	0.088	1.6	2.0	0.10	0.22	0.24	19	3.2	17
Methane	19	10	99	78	239	396	2350	43	116	192
	T3A1	T3B1	T3C1	D3B1	D3C1	D3B2	D3C2	HiP1	HiP2	HiP3
PCE	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	38	45	1212
TCE	0.40	0.0035	0.0044	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	15	4.3	8.7
DCE	64	2.3	0.18	28	3.4	21	3.2	549	868	276
VC	6.4	0.48	0.027	1.2	1.9	1.6	0.45	23	27	37
ETH	2.9	0.13	0.022	1.4	0.43	1.7	0.54	4.3	6.5	11
VC+ETH	1.7	0.33	0.014	0.52	1.2	1.9	0.054	27	33	47
Butyrate	7702	1.0	2.0	0.71	2.0	0.81	2.0	6851	7427	8257
Acetate	312	3.1	543	25	206	4431	594	52	61	77
H2	1.5	0.17	0.066	0.038	0.033	0.047	0.095	4.3	4.7	5.3
Methane	208	34	50	82	192	43	29	864	711	451
	D3A2	D3A2	HLH2 IN HIB- 7days	HLH1 IN HIB- 7days	HLH2 IN HIB- 7days	HLH2 IN HIB- 7days	HLH3			
PCE	n/a	n/a	2467	922	2367	392	30496			
TCE	n/a	n/a	5.3	20.6	63.7	58.6	7.7			
DCE	141	240	2649	85	7733	72	340			
VC	23	4	58	198	105	349	207			
ETH	17	10	23418	87	62138	98	1493			
VC+ETH	10	10	3807	140	9091	444	105			
Butyrate	2650	10902	1681	4216	1363	3908	6666			
Acetate	805	80	981	8879	2390	13014	232			
H2	0.47	0.5	2.6	1.5	1.2	1.1	0.51			
Methane	4622	66	141541	283	120472	236	15001			

\* Green highlighting indicates that mRNA adjustment was included for that bottle.

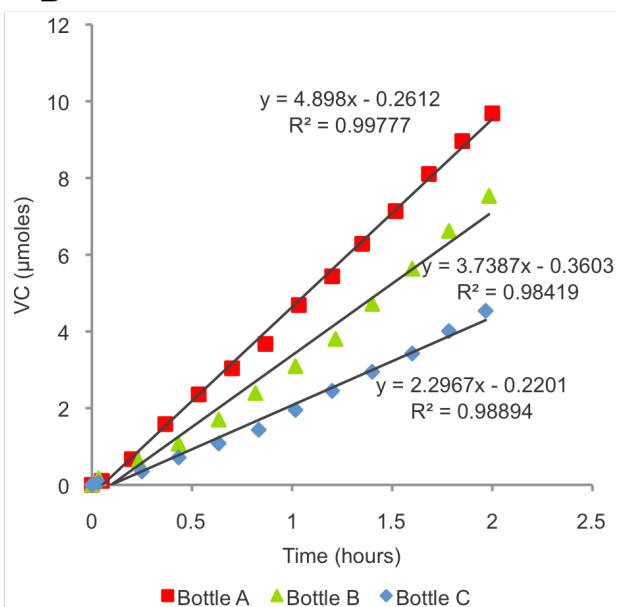
### *A1.B. Supporting Figures*



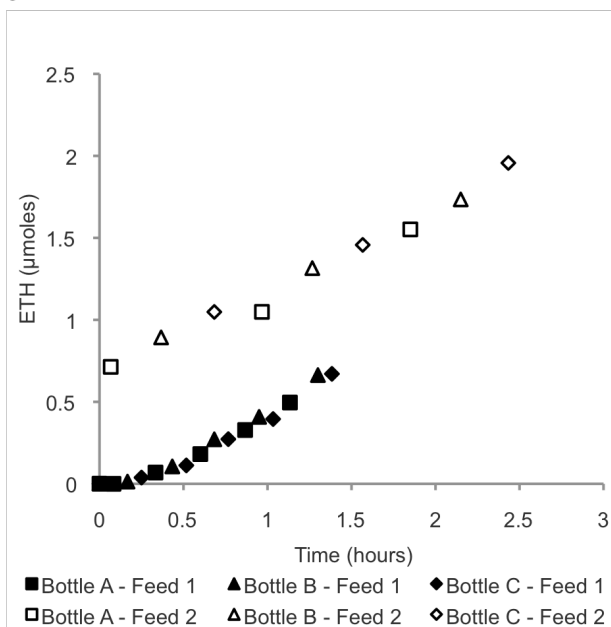
**A PCE****B TCE****C cis-DCE****D VC****E FERMENTERS****F ACETOCLASTIC METHANOGENESIS****Figure A1. 1. Nonlinear Regressions and 95% Confidence Intervals for Kinetic Parameters.**

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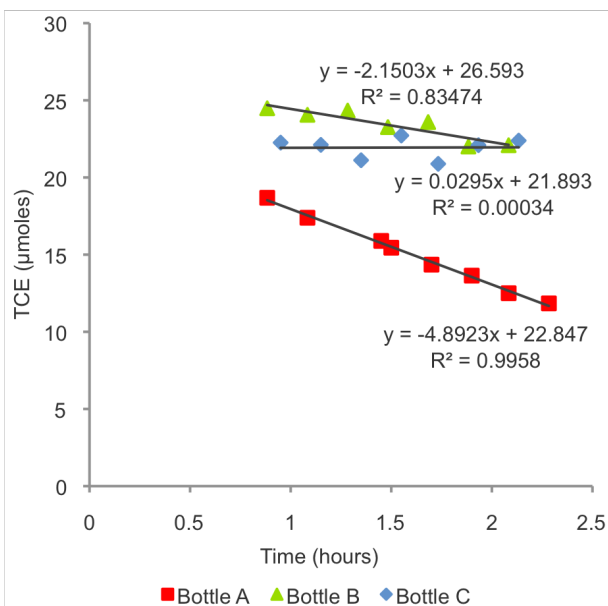
Bottle A – 4.6 umoles TCE, 0 umoles PCE  
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 Bottle C – 14 umoles TCE, 18 umoles PCE

**B**

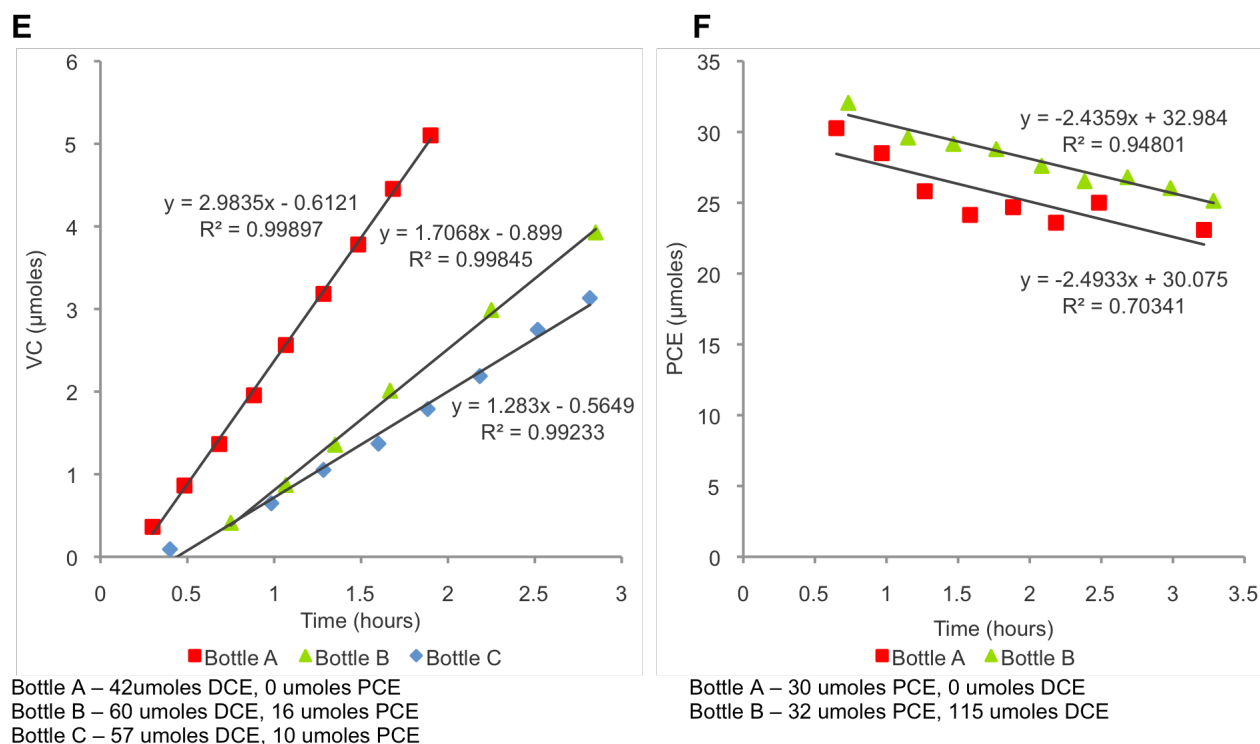
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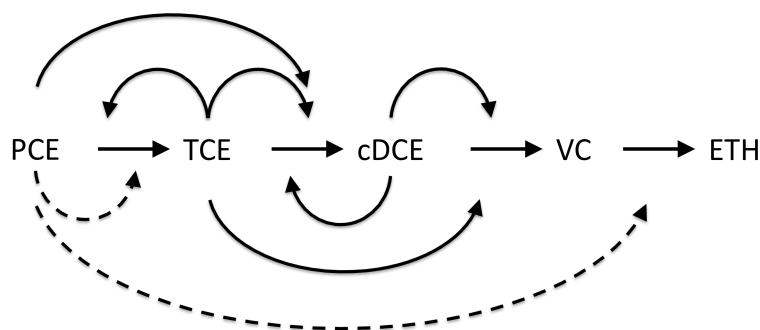
**Feed 1** Resp. Rate =  $4.8 \pm 0.4$  μmoles/L-hr  
 $C_{VC} = 103$  μmoles/L  $C_{PCE} = 0$  μmoles/L  
**Feed 2** Resp. Rate =  $4.9 \pm 0.3$  μmoles/L-hr  
 $C_{VC} = 93$  μmoles/L  $C_{PCE} = 56$  μmoles/L

**D**

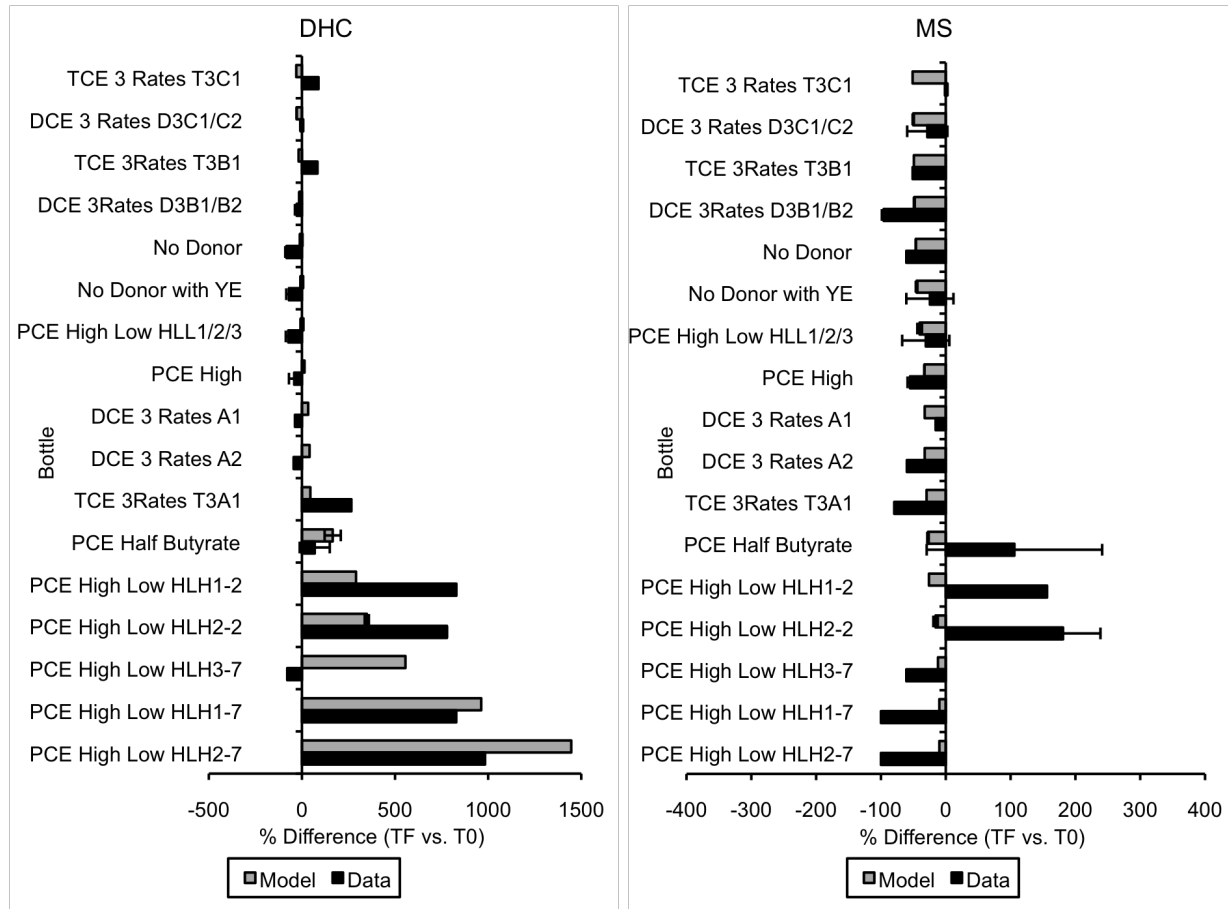
Bottle A – 19 umoles TCE, 0 umoles DCE  
 Bottle B – 24 umoles TCE, 92 umoles DCE  
 Bottle C – 22 umoles TCE, 113 umoles DCE



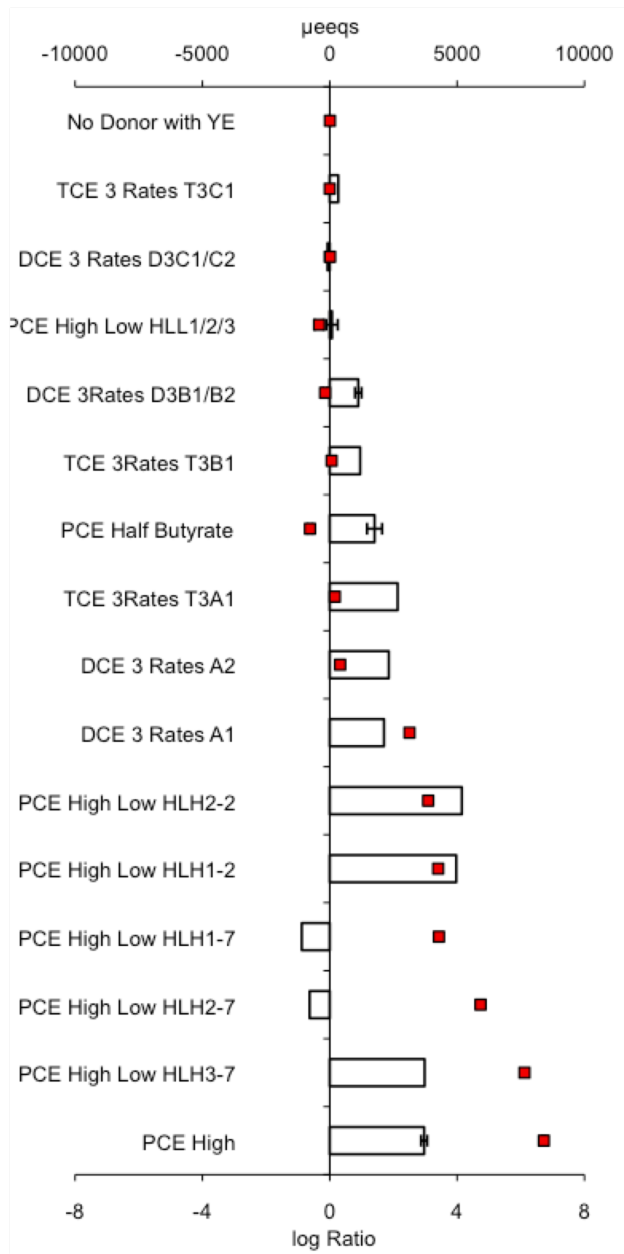
**Figure A1. 2. Results of Inhibition Studies.**



**Figure A1. 3. Proposed competitive inhibition model for *D. mccartyi* ecotype Donna II (JGI Taxon ID: 2088090019) among chlorinated ethenes based on inhibition studies. Solid lines show inhibition (e.g. TCE inhibits PCE degradation) and dashed lines show no/weak inhibition observed (e.g. PCE does not inhibit TCE degradation). VC inhibition on TCE, DCE & PCE was not tested.**

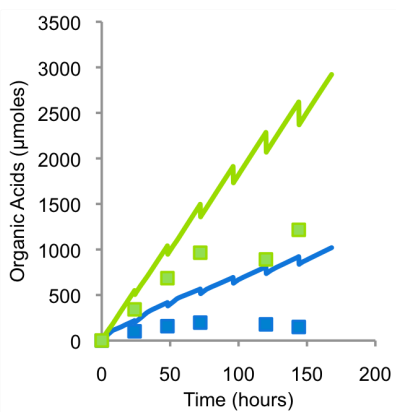
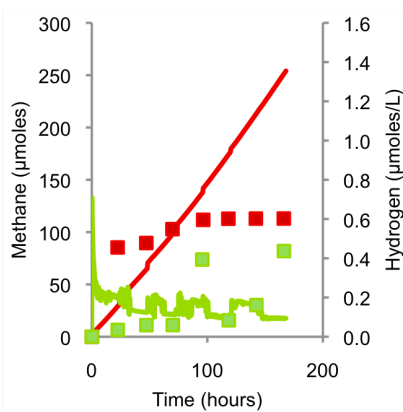
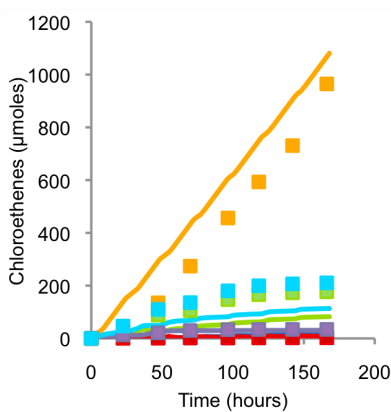


**Figure A1. 4. Model biomass predictions (grey) as compared to data (black) measured as the percent difference between the final and initial time points. Data are qPCR-quantified 16S rRNA gene copies per mL of culture. Error bars represent the standard deviation between replicate bottles.**

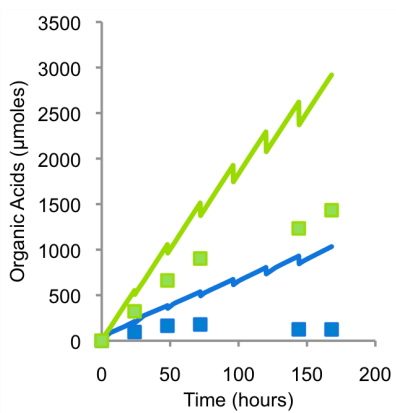
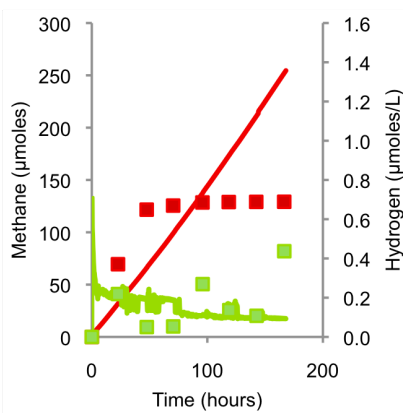
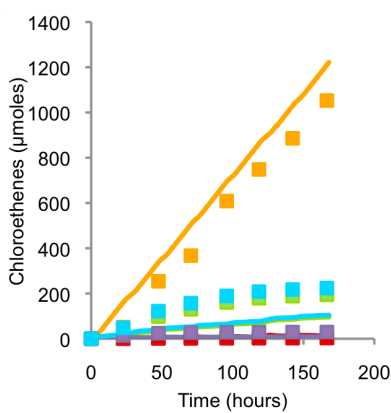


**Figure A1. 5. Gene expression of PHB Synthase (bars) compared to missing butyrate (squares) over the last 24 hours of the experiment. Gene expression is shown as the log ratio of transcript abundance versus the abundance of the gene in the sample prior to feeding.**

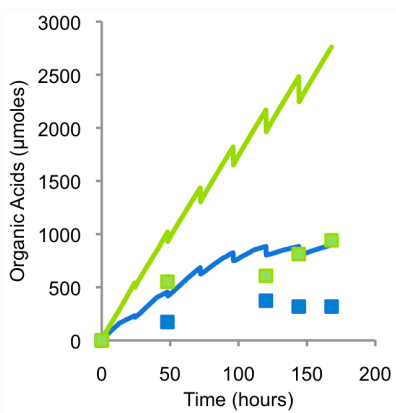
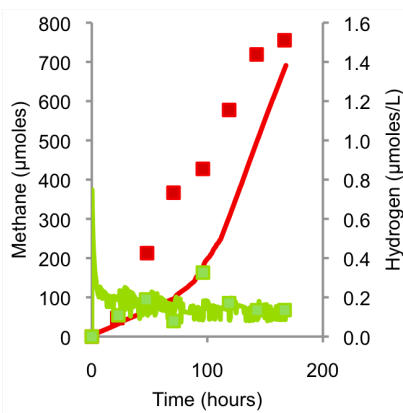
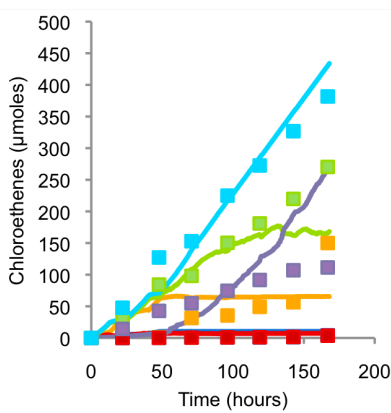
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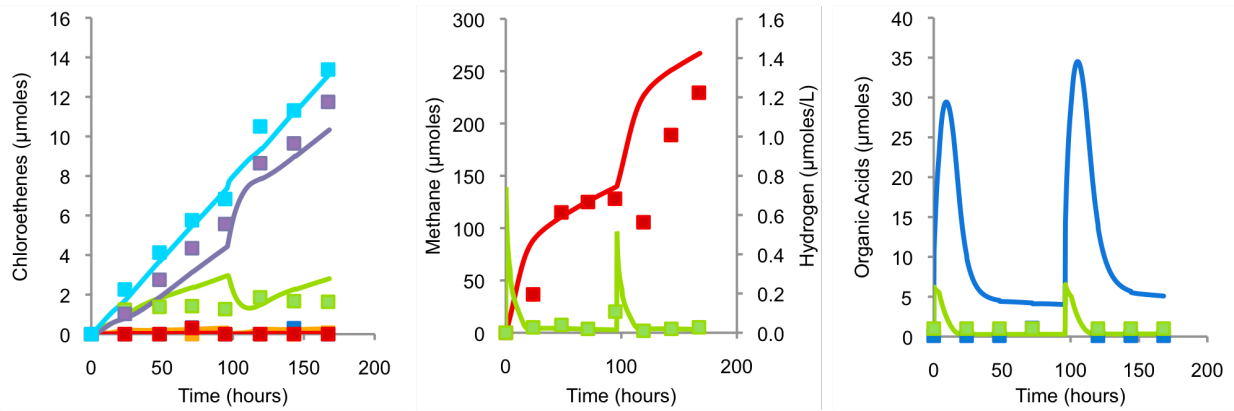
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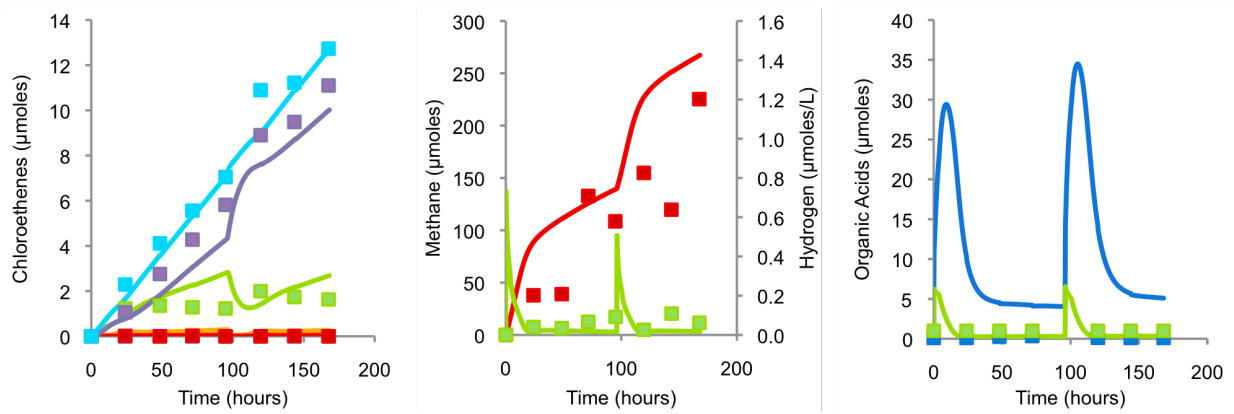
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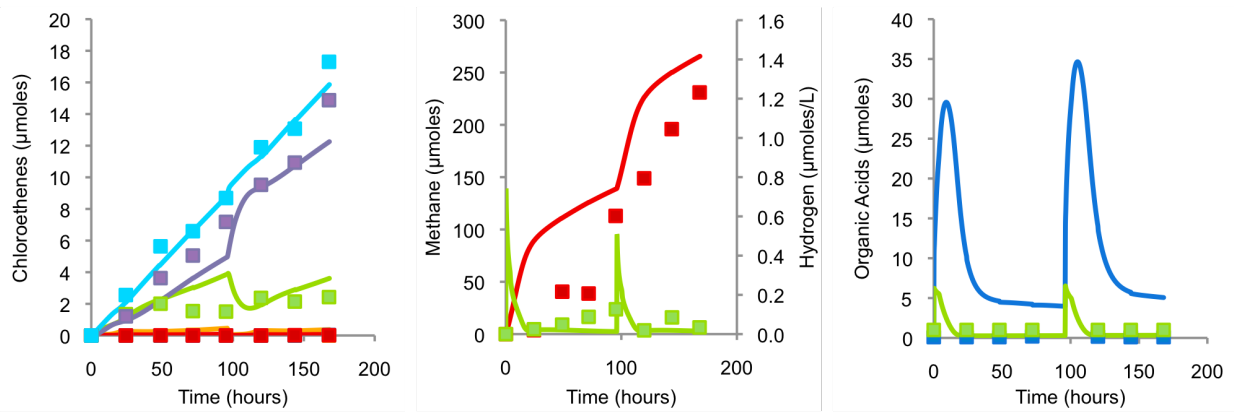
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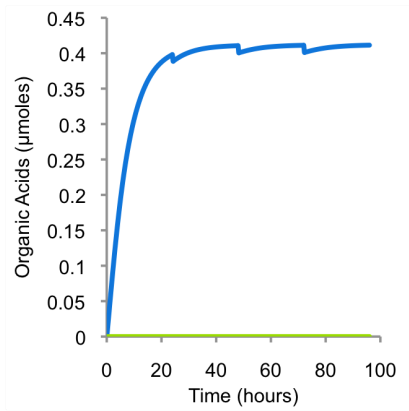
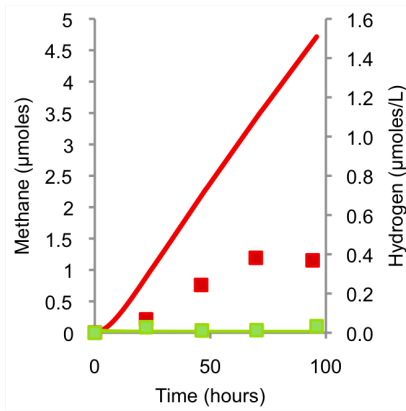
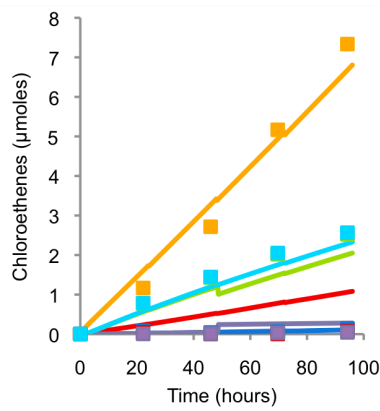
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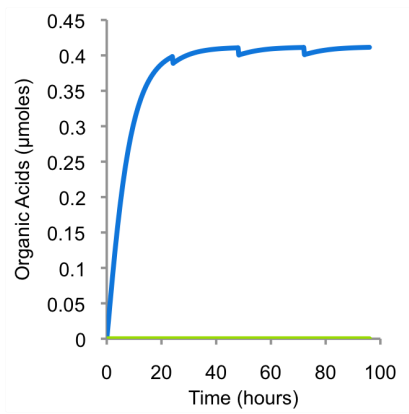
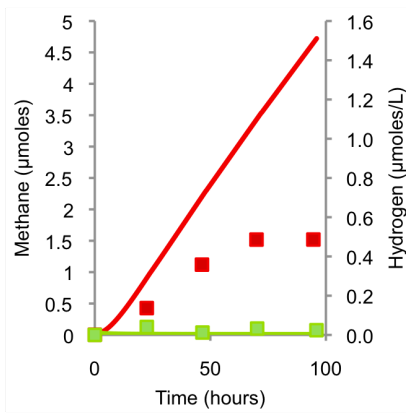
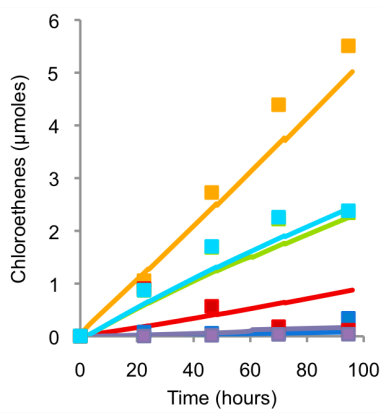
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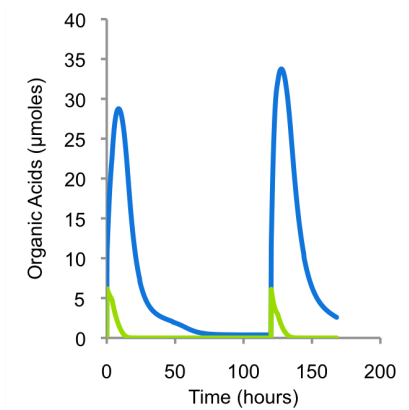
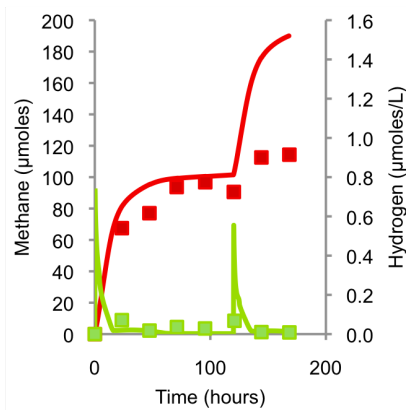
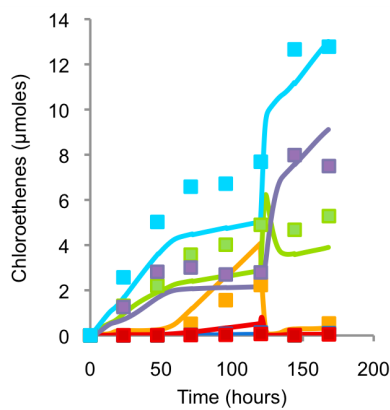
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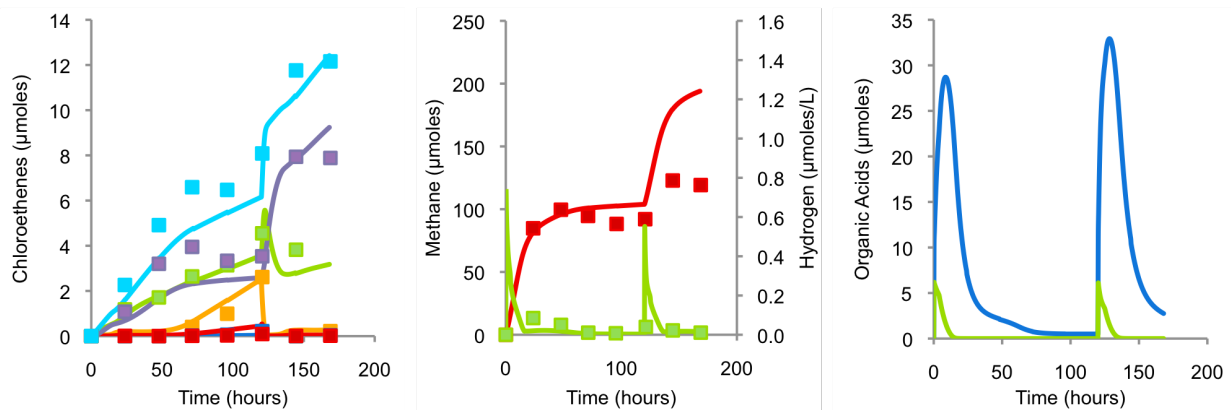


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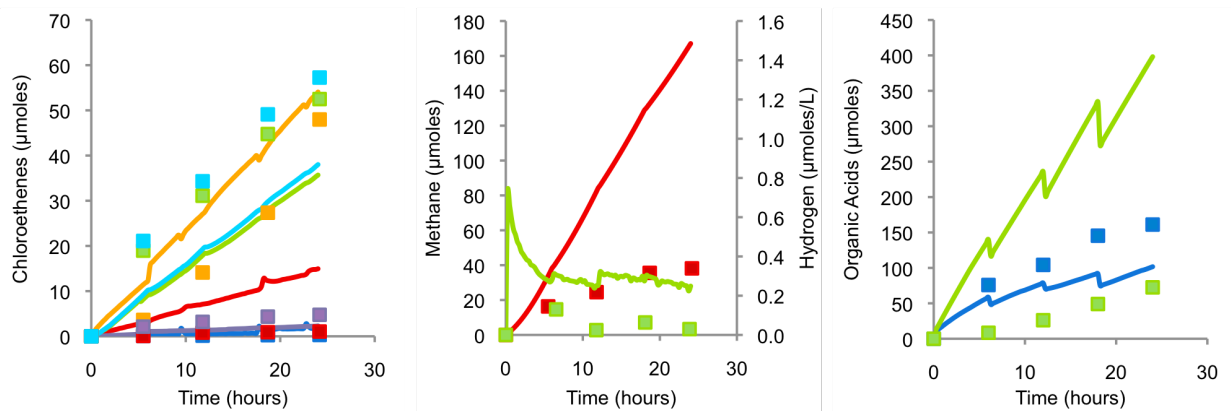




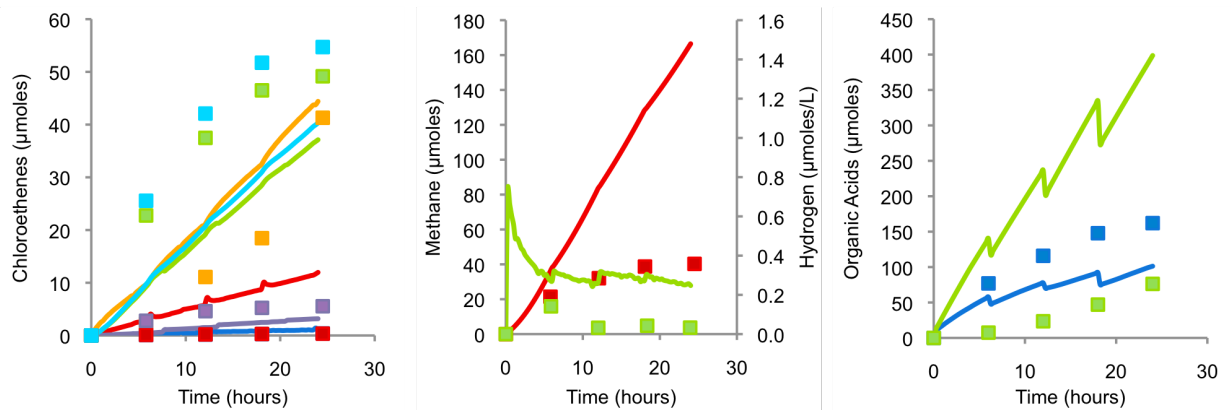
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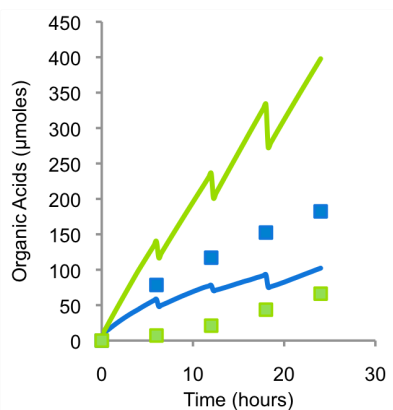
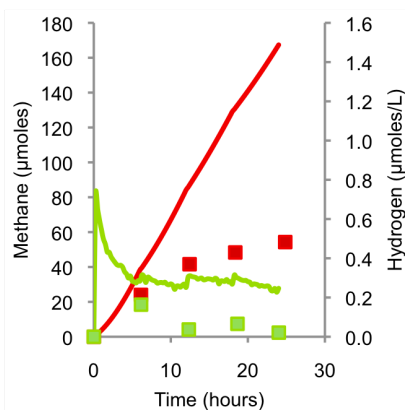
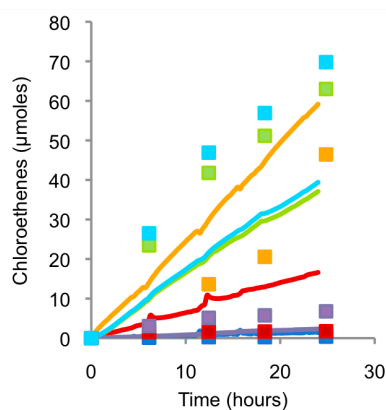
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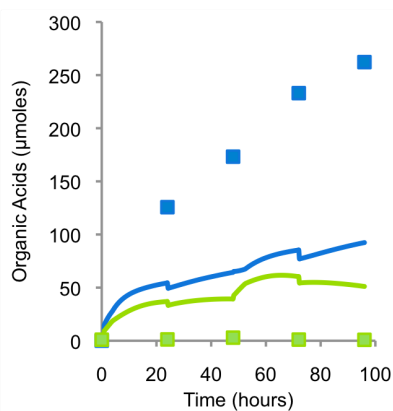
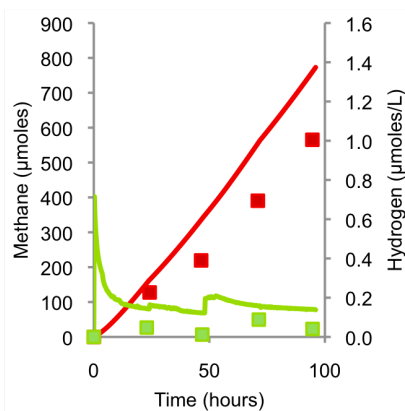
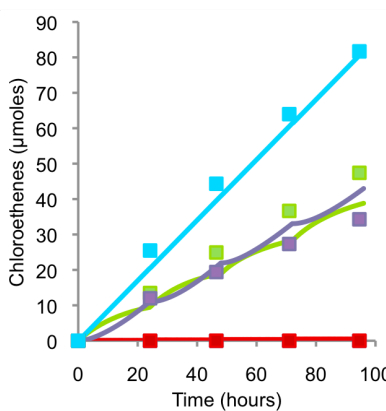
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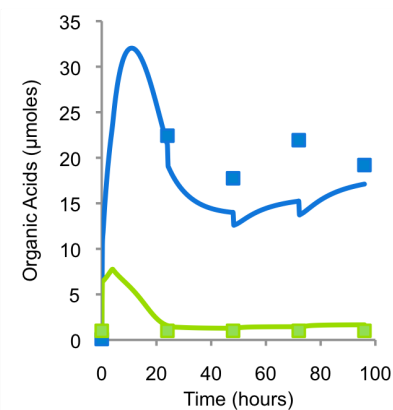
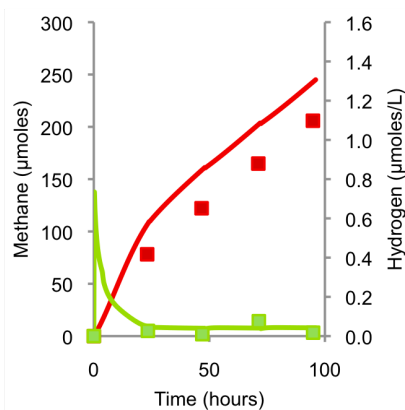
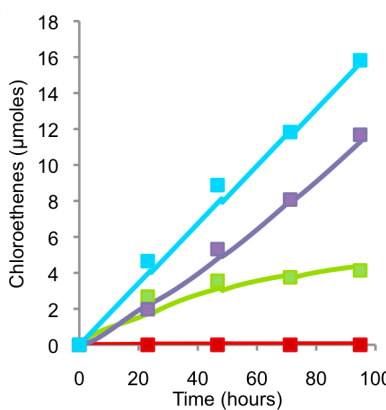
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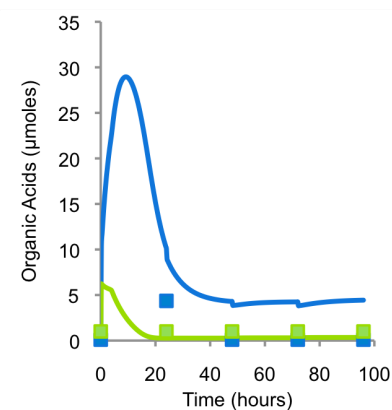
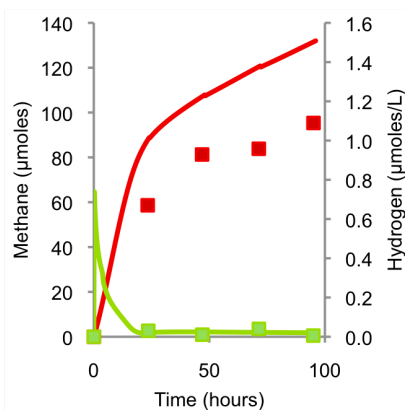
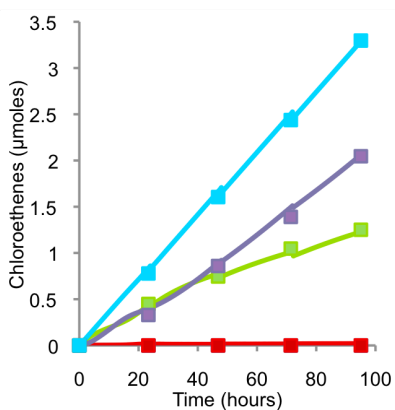
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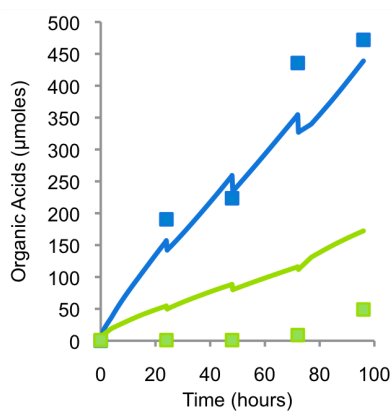
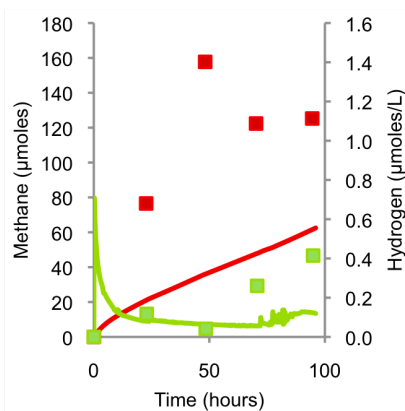
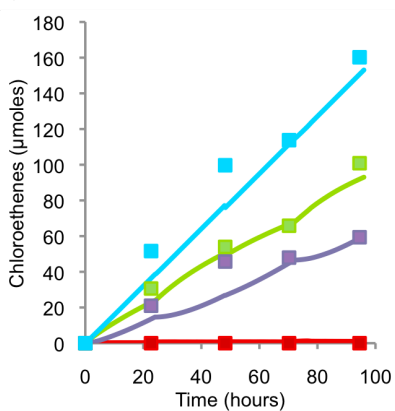
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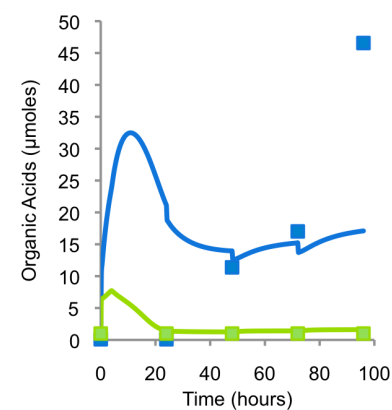
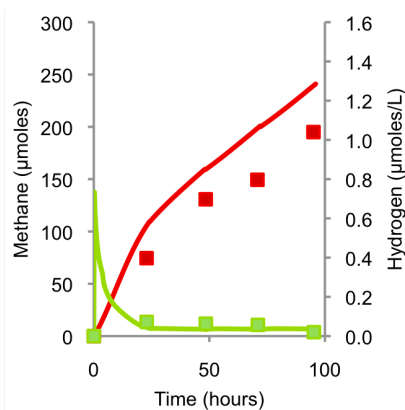
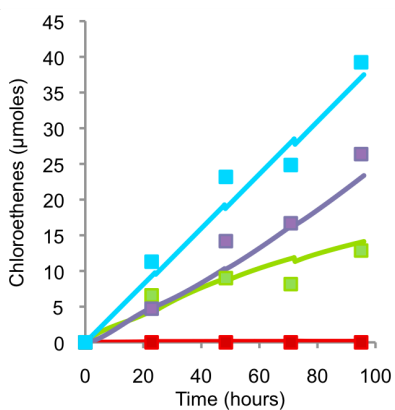
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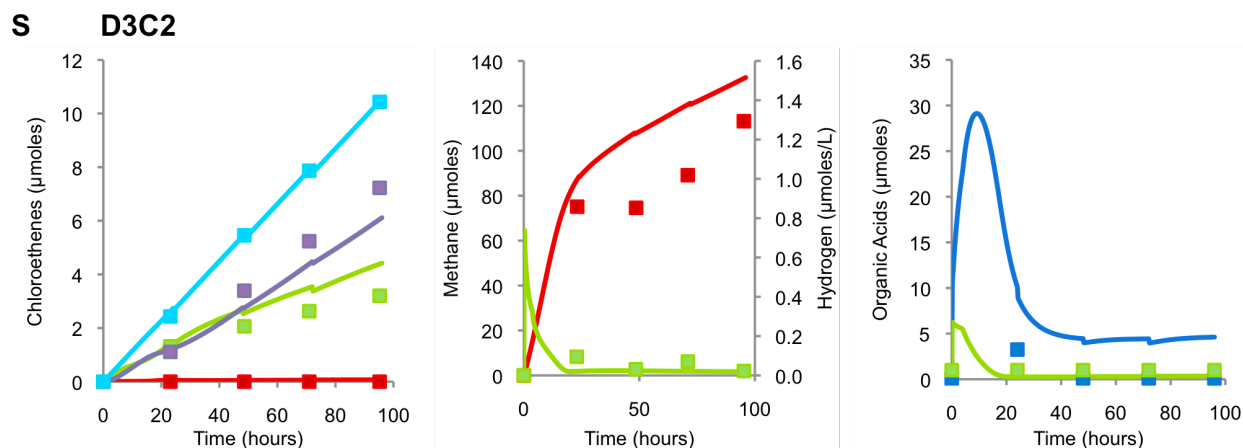


**Q D3A2**



**R D3B2**





**Figure A1. 6. Model fits for experiments listed in Table A1.1. On the left panels, metabolites are colored as follows: PCE (orange), TCE (dark blue), DCE (red), VC (green), ETH (purple), VC+ETH (light blue). On the middle panels, metabolites are colored as follows: methane (red) on the primary axis and hydrogen (green) on the secondary axis. For the right panels, metabolites are colored as follows: butyrate (green), acetate (blue).**

### ***A1.C. Supporting Results and Discussion***

#### ***Competitive Inhibition***

Supplemental Figure A1.2A presents the effect of PCE on TCE degradation. As PCE concentrations increased, TCE degradation rates remained constant, indicating that TCE dechlorination was not inhibited by PCE. Conversely, in each case, PCE was not degraded to TCE, indicating that TCE inhibits PCE degradation. Ethene was not produced in any case, however it cannot be determined from this experiment which chloroethenes inhibit VC degradation because multiple are present at any given time. Supplemental Figure A1.2B presents the effect of TCE on DCE degradation. As TCE concentrations increased, DCE degradation rates decreased (shown as production of VC), indicating that TCE inhibits DCE degradation. Ethene was not produced in any case of this experiment, indicating that DCE inhibits VC degradation (inferred from experiments where no TCE was present), and that TCE may also inhibit VC degradation. Supplemental Figure A1.2C presents the effect of PCE on VC degradation.

Respiration rates (shown as production of ETH) were equivalent whether or not PCE was present. Supplemental Figure A1.2D shows the effect of DCE on TCE degradation. As DCE concentrations increased, TCE degradation rates decreased. Supplemental Figure A1.2E shows the effect of PCE on DCE degradation. With the presence of PCE, DCE degradation decreased (shown as production of VC). Supplemental Figure A1.2F shows the effect of DCE on PCE degradation. The presence of DCE does not cause a change in the respiration rate of PCE.

#### ***A1.D. Model Equations***

The equations that make up the model in the STELLA Software (ISEE Systems) are included below.

##### **ACETATE**

$$Mt\_Acetate(t) = Mt\_Acetate(t - dt) + (Acetate\_Production + Acetate\_Pulse\_from\_FYE - Sampling\_Acetate - Acetate\_Conversion\_to\_Methane - Acetate\_to\_Sink) * dt$$

$$INIT\ Mt\_Acetate = Initial\_Acetate$$

DOCUMENT: Reservoir representing acetic acid { $\mu$ mol}.

##### **INFLOWS:**

Acetate\_Production =

$$(fe\_Butyrate * (Butyrate\_Fermented\_to\_Acetate + Fermented\_Myth\_But) * Acetate\_Formed\_per\_Butyrate) + (fe\_Lactate * Myth\_Lac\_Fermented\_to\_Acetate * Acetate\_Formed\_per\_Lactate) + (fe\_Propionate * Propionate\_Fermented\_to\_Acetate * Acetate\_Formed\_per\_Propionate) + (fe\_Lactate * Myth\_Lac\_Fermented\_to\_Propionate * Acetate\_Formed\_per\_Lactate\_to\_Propionate)$$

DOCUMENT: Acetate production from all donors { $\mu$ mol/hr}. Acetate Produced = Sum of {donor fermentation flow \* stoichiometric conversion (HAc/Donor) \* fe}. Where fe is the fraction of the donor that is used for energy.

Acetate\_Pulse\_from\_FYE =

PULSE(YE\_Acetate, Feed\_Time\_Donor, Feed\_Increment\_Time\_Donor)

DOCUMENT: This is a pulse input of acetate that is contributed by FYE at each feeding { $\mu$ mol}.

##### **OUTFLOWS:**

Sampling\_Acetate =

PULSE(Mt\_Acetate \* Liquid\_Waste\_Rate, Waste\_Pulse\_Time, Waste\_Increment\_Time)

DOCUMENT: Ten percent (10 mL) of the liquid from the culture is wasted and replaced with 10 mL of fresh basal medium every 4 days (96 hr-dt). This decreases the amount of soluble constituents by 10 percent. Volatile constituents are not affected since they are purged out after each 96 hr period { $\mu\text{mol}$  every 96 hr}.

Acetate\_Conversion\_to\_Methane =  
$$(k\_Acetate * (McrApercell / McrApercell\_MAX) * X\_Mt\_Acetotrophs * Cw\_Acetate) / (Ks\_Acetate + Cw\_Acetate + Ac\_Inhibition * (Cw\_Acetate^2) / KI\_Ac)$$
  
DOCUMENT: Acetate conversion to methane { $\mu\text{mol/hr}$ }.

Acetate\_to\_Sink =  $Cw\_Acetate * Ks\_Acetate\_Sink * k\_Acetate\_Sink * 0$   
Ac\_Inhibition = 0  
DOCUMENT: Substrate inhibition (Haldane)

$Cw\_Acetate = Mt\_Acetate / Vw$  { $\mu\text{mol/L}$ }  
DOCUMENT: Converter to allow display of acetic acid in concentration units { $\mu\text{mol/L}$ }.

Initial\_Acetate =  $1E-20$   
DOCUMENT: Initial amount of acetate present ( $\mu\text{mol}$ ).

KI\_Ac = 1047  
Ks\_Acetate = 9689  
DOCUMENT: Half-velocity coefficient for acetate degradation. 1000  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ . Ohtsubo et al., 1992; Zehnder et al., 1980.

Ks\_Acetate\_Sink = 1000  
DOCUMENT: Half-velocity coefficient for acetate degradation. 1000  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ . Ohtsubo et al., 1992; Zehnder et al., 1980.

$k\_Acetate = 2.55e-8$  { $\mu\text{mol/cell-hr}$ }  
DOCUMENT: Rate of acetate degradation.

$k\_Acetate\_Sink = 6e-9$   
DOCUMENT: Rate of acetate degradation.

McrApercell = .392583  
McrApercell\_MAX = 168.3661 {Ro/mL normalized to T0 DNA}

#### ACETOTROPHIC METHANOGEN BIOMASS

$$X\_Acetotrophs(t) = X\_Acetotrophs(t - dt) + (Biomass\_Growth\_Acetotrophs - Biomass\_Decay\_Acetotrophs - Day\_4\_Waste\_X\_Acetotrophs) * dt$$

$$INIT\ X\_Acetotrophs = Initial\_X\_Acetotrophs * Initial\_Culture\_Dilution \{cells\}$$

DOCUMENT: Reservoir representing acetotrophic methanogen biomass {mg VSS}.

#### INFLOWS:

$$Biomass\_Growth\_Acetotrophs = Y\_Acetotrophs * Acetate\_Conversion\_to\_Methane \{mg\ VSS/hr\}$$

#### OUTFLOWS:

$$Biomass\_Decay\_Acetotrophs = Decay\_Acetotrophs * X\_Acetotrophs \{cells/hr\}$$

$$Day\_4\_Waste\_X\_Acetotrophs =$$

$$PULSE(X\_Acetotrophs * Liquid\_Waste\_Rate, Waste\_Pulse\_Time, Waste\_Increment\_Time) \{mg\ VSS\ \text{wasted every 96 hr}\}$$

DOCUMENT: Ten percent (10 mL) of the liquid from the culture is wasted and replaced with 10 mL of fresh basal medium every 4 days (96 hr). This decreases the amount of soluble constituents by 10 percent. Volatile constituents are not affected since they are purged out after each 96 hr period.

$$Decay\_Acetotrophs = 0.001 \{/hr\}$$

DOCUMENT: 0.001/hr. Generic number.

$$X\_Cw\_Acetotrophs = X\_Acetotrophs / Vw \{cells/L\}$$

DOCUMENT: Converter to allow reporting of acetotrophic methanogen biomass as a concentration {mg VSS/L}.

$$X\_Mt\_Acetotrophs = X\_Acetotrophs \{cells\}$$

$$Y\_Acetotrophs = 4.19e5 \{cells/\mu mol\}$$

#### BUTYRIC ACID

$$Mt\_Butyrate(t) = Mt\_Butyrate(t - dt) + (Pulse\_Butyric\_Acid\_Feeding + Step\_Butyric\_Acid\_Feeding + Butyrate\_Pulse\_from\_FYE - Day\_4\_Waste\_Butyrate - Butyrate\_Fermented\_to\_Acetate) * dt$$

$$INIT\ Mt\_Butyrate = Initial\_Butyrate \{\mu mol\}$$

DOCUMENT: Reservoir representing butyric acid {μmol}.

#### INFLOWS:

Pulse\_Butyric\_Acid\_Feeding =  
PULSE((Pulse\_Value\_Butyric\_Acid\*Pulse\_Butyrate\_Feed),Feed\_Time\_Donor,Feed\_Increment\_Time\_Donor)

DOCUMENT: Pulse input of butyric acid {μmol} beginning at time = 0 hr.

Step\_Butyric\_Acid\_Feeding =  
Constant\_Butyrate\_Feed\*STEP(Step\_Value\_Butyric\_Acid,Feed\_Time\_Donor)  
Butyrate\_Pulse\_from\_FYE =  
PULSE(YE\_Butyrate,Feed\_Time\_Donor,Feed\_Increment\_Time\_Donor)

OUTFLOWS:

Day\_4\_Waste\_Butyrate =  
PULSE(Mt\_Butyrate\*Liquid\_Waste\_Rate,Waste\_Pulse\_Time,Waste\_Increment\_Time) {μmol every 96 hr}

DOCUMENT: 2.5 mL of the liquid from the culture is removed approximately every 3 hours for DNA and RNA sampling.

Butyrate\_Fermented\_to\_Acetate =  
(k\_Butyrate\*X\_Mt\_Butyrate\_Fermenters\*Cw\_Butyrate\*Thermo\_Factor\_Butyrate)/(Ks\_Butyrate+Cw\_Butyrate)

DOCUMENT: Butyrate fermentation to acetate and hydrogen {μmol/hr}.

Constant\_Butyrate\_Feed = 0  
Cw\_Butyrate = Mt\_Butyrate/Vw {μmol/L}

DOCUMENT: Converter to allow reporting of butyrate as a concentration {μmol/L}.

Initial\_Butyrate = 1E-20

DOCUMENT: The initial amount of butyrate present {μmol}.

Ks\_Butyrate = 260.8

DOCUMENT: Half-velocity coefficient for butyrate fermentation. 34.25 μmol/L, Fennell est., 1996.

k\_Butyrate = 1.08e-8 {umol butyrate/cell-hr}

Pulse\_Butyrate\_Feed = 0

Pulse\_Value\_Butyric\_Acid = 44

DOCUMENT: This is the amount of butyric acid fed at each pulse beginning at 0 hr {μmol}.

Step\_Value\_Butyric\_Acid = 0 {umol/hr}



#### DECHLORINATION

$Mg\_DCE(t) = Mg\_DCE(t - dt) + (- Volat\_and\_Dissol\_DCE - Headspace\_Purge\_DCE\_g) * dt$   
INIT  $Mg\_DCE = 0 \text{ }\{\mu\text{mol}\}$

DOCUMENT: Reservoir representing DCE in the gaseous phase  $\{\mu\text{mol}\}$ .

#### OUTFLOWS:

$Volat\_and\_Dissol\_DCE = Inflow\_Zero\_DCE * Vw * KLa\_DCE * ((Cg\_DCE/Hc\_DCE) - Cw\_DCE)$

DOCUMENT: This biflow simulates the exchange of DCE between the gaseous and liquid phases of the bottle.

$Headspace\_Purge\_DCE\_g = PULSE(Mg\_DCE, Purge\_Pulse\_Time, Purge\_Increment\_Time)$

DOCUMENT: The pulse output simulates the purge of PCE in the headspace that remains undechlorinated.

$Mg\_ETH(t) = Mg\_ETH(t - dt) + (- Volat\_and\_Dissol\_ETH - Headspace\_Purge\_ETH\_g) * dt$   
INIT  $Mg\_ETH = 0 \text{ }\{\mu\text{mol}\}$

DOCUMENT: Reservoir representing ETH in the gaseous phase  $\{\mu\text{mol}\}$ .

#### OUTFLOWS:

$Volat\_and\_Dissol\_ETH = Inflow\_Zero\_ETH * Vw * KLa\_ETH * ((Cg\_ETH/Hc\_ETH) - Cw\_ETH)$   
 $\{\mu\text{mol/hr}\}$

DOCUMENT: This biflow simulates the exchange of ETH between the gaseous and liquid phases of the bottle.

$Headspace\_Purge\_ETH\_g = PULSE(Mg\_ETH, Purge\_Pulse\_Time, Purge\_Increment\_Time)$

DOCUMENT: The pulse output simulates the purge of PCE in the headspace that remains undechlorinated.

$Mg\_PCE(t) = Mg\_PCE(t - dt) + (- Volat\_and\_Dissol\_PCE - Headspace\_Purge\_PCE\_g) * dt$   
INIT  $Mg\_PCE = 0 \text{ }\{\mu\text{mol}\}$

DOCUMENT: Reservoir representing PCE in the gaseous phase  $\{\mu\text{mol}\}$ .

#### OUTFLOWS:

$Volat\_and\_Dissol\_PCE = Inflow\_Zero\_PCE * Vw * KLa\_PCE * ((Cg\_PCE/Hc\_PCE) - Cw\_PCE)$

DOCUMENT: This biflow simulates the exchange of PCE between the gaseous and liquid phases of the bottle.

Headspace\_Purge\_PCE\_g = PULSE(Mg\_PCE,Purge\_Pulse\_Time,Purge\_Increment\_Time)  
 DOCUMENT: The pulse output simulates the purge of PCE in the headspace that remains undechlorinated.

$Mg\_TCE(t) = Mg\_TCE(t - dt) + (- Volat\_and\_Dissol\_TCE - Headspace\_Purge\_TCE\_g) * dt$   
 INIT Mg\_TCE = 0 {μmol}

DOCUMENT: Reservoir representing TCE in the gaseous phase {μmol}.

OUTFLOWS:

$Volat\_and\_Dissol\_TCE = Inflow\_Zero\_TCE * Vw * K_{la\_TCE} * ((Cg\_TCE / Hc\_TCE) - Cw\_TCE)$   
 DOCUMENT: This biflow simulates the exchange of TCE between the gaseous and liquid phases of the bottle.

Headspace\_Purge\_TCE\_g = PULSE(Mg\_TCE,Purge\_Pulse\_Time,Purge\_Increment\_Time)  
 DOCUMENT: The pulse output simulates the purge of PCE in the headspace that remains undechlorinated.

$Mg\_VC(t) = Mg\_VC(t - dt) + (- Volat\_and\_Dissol\_VC - Headspace\_Purge\_VC\_g) * dt$   
 INIT Mg\_VC = 0 {μmol}

DOCUMENT: Reservoir representing VC in the gaseous phase {μmol}.

OUTFLOWS:

$Volat\_and\_Dissol\_VC = Inflow\_Zero\_VC * Vw * K_{la\_VC} * ((Cg\_VC / Hc\_VC) - Cw\_VC)$   
 {μmol/hr}  
 DOCUMENT: This biflow simulates the exchange of VC between the gaseous and liquid phases of the bottle.

Headspace\_Purge\_VC\_g = PULSE(Mg\_VC,Purge\_Pulse\_Time,Purge\_Increment\_Time)  
 DOCUMENT: The pulse output simulates the purge of PCE in the headspace that remains undechlorinated.

$Mw\_DCE(t) = Mw\_DCE(t - dt) + (Volat\_and\_Dissol\_DCE + TCE\_Dechlorination\_to\_DCE + Constant\_DCE\_Feeding + Pulse\_DCE\_Feeding - DCE\_Purge - DCE\_Dechlorination\_to\_VC - DCE\_Sampling) * dt$   
 INIT Mw\_DCE = Initial\_DCE

DOCUMENT: Reservoir representing DCE in the liquid phase {μmol}.

INFLOWS:

Volat\_and\_Dissol\_DCE = Inflow\_Zero\_DCE\*Vw\*Kla\_DCE\*((Cg\_DCE/Hc\_DCE)-Cw\_DCE)

DOCUMENT: This biflow simulates the exchange of DCE between the gaseous and liquid phases of the bottle.

TCE\_Dechlorination\_to\_DCE =

Inflow\_Zero\_DCE\*((k\_TCE\*(HupLpercell/HupLpercellMAX)\*X\_Mt\_Dechlorinators\*Cw\_TC  
E)/(Ks\_TCE\*TCE\_Competitive\_Inhibition\_Term+Cw\_TCE))\*((Cw\_H2-  
H2\_Threshold\_dechlor)/(Ks\_H2\_Dechlor+(Cw\_H2-H2\_Threshold\_dechlor))) {μmol TCE  
converted to DCE/hr}

Constant\_DCE\_Feeding =

STEP(cDCE\_Feed\_Rate\_in\_umol\_per\_hr,Feed\_Time\_Electron\_Acceptor)\*Constant\_EA\_Feed  
{umol/hr}

Pulse\_DCE\_Feeding =

PULSE(Pulse\_Value\_DCE,Feed\_Pulse\_Time\_EA,Feed\_Increment\_Time\_EA)\*Pulse\_EA\_Feed  
OUTFLOWS:

DCE\_Purge = PULSE(Mw\_DCE,Purge\_Pulse\_Time,Purge\_Increment\_Time)

DOCUMENT: The pulse output simulates the purge of accumulated DCE from the bottle.

DCE\_Dechlorination\_to\_VC =

Inflow\_Zero\_VC\*((k\_DCE\*(HupLpercell/HupLpercellMAX)\*X\_Mt\_Dechlorinators\*Cw\_DCE  
) / (Ks\_DCE\*DCE\_Competitive\_Inhibition\_Term+Cw\_DCE))\*((Cw\_H2-  
H2\_Threshold\_dechlor)/(Ks\_H2\_Dechlor+(Cw\_H2-H2\_Threshold\_dechlor))) {μmol DCE  
converted to VC/hr}

DCE\_Sampling =

PULSE(Liquid\_Waste\_Rate\*Cw\_DCE\*Vw,Waste\_Pulse\_Time,Waste\_Increment\_Time)

Mw\_ETH(t) = Mw\_ETH(t - dt) + (VC\_Dechlorination\_to\_ETH + Volat\_and\_Dissol\_ETH -  
ETH\_Purge - ETH\_Sampling) \* dt

INIT Mw\_ETH = 0 {μmol}

DOCUMENT: Reservoir representing ETH in the liquid phase {μmol}.

INFLOWS:

VC\_Dechlorination\_to\_ETH =

Inflow\_Zero\_ETH\*((k\_VC\*(HupLpercell/HupLpercellMAX)\*X\_Mt\_Dechlorinators\*Cw\_VC)/(  
Ks\_VC\*VC\_Competitive\_Inhibition\_Term+Cw\_VC))\*((Cw\_H2-  
H2\_Threshold\_dechlor)/(Ks\_H2\_Dechlor+(Cw\_H2-H2\_Threshold\_dechlor))) {μmol VC  
converted to ETH/hr}

$\text{Volat\_and\_Dissol\_ETH} = \text{Inflow\_Zero\_ETH} * V_w * K_{la\_ETH} * ((C_{g\_ETH}/H_{c\_ETH}) - C_{w\_ETH})$   
 $\{\mu\text{mol/hr}\}$

DOCUMENT: This biflow simulates the exchange of ETH between the gaseous and liquid phases of the bottle.

OUTFLOWS:

$\text{ETH\_Purge} = \text{PULSE}(\text{Mw\_ETH}, \text{Purge\_Pulse\_Time}, \text{Purge\_Increment\_Time})$

DOCUMENT: The pulse output simulates the purge of accumulated ETH from the bottle.

$\text{ETH\_Sampling} =$

$\text{PULSE}(\text{Liquid\_Waste\_Rate} * C_{w\_ETH} * V_w, \text{Waste\_Pulse\_Time}, \text{Waste\_Increment\_Time})$

$\text{Mw\_PCE}(t) = \text{Mw\_PCE}(t - dt) + (\text{Constant\_PCE\_Feeding} + \text{Volat\_and\_Dissol\_PCE} +$   
 $\text{Pulse\_PCE\_Feeding} - \text{PCE\_Purge} - \text{PCE\_Dechlorination\_to\_TCE} - \text{PCE\_Sampling}) * dt$

INIT Mw\_PCE = Initial\_PCE

DOCUMENT: Reservoir representing PCE in the liquid phase  $\{\mu\text{mol}\}$ .

INFLOWS:

$\text{Constant\_PCE\_Feeding} =$

$(\text{STEP}(\text{PCE\_Feed\_Rate\_in\_umol\_per\_hr}, \text{Feed\_Time\_Electron\_Acceptor})) * \text{Constant\_EA\_Feed}$

DOCUMENT: Saturated PCE is fed continuously at 5, 10, 20, or 40  $\mu\text{l/min}$ .

$\text{Volat\_and\_Dissol\_PCE} = \text{Inflow\_Zero\_PCE} * V_w * K_{la\_PCE} * ((C_{g\_PCE}/H_{c\_PCE}) - C_{w\_PCE})$

DOCUMENT: This biflow simulates the exchange of PCE between the gaseous and liquid phases of the bottle.

$\text{Pulse\_PCE\_Feeding} =$

$\text{PULSE}(\text{Pulse\_Value\_PCE}, \text{Feed\_Pulse\_Time\_EA}, \text{Feed\_Increment\_Time\_EA}) * \text{Pulse\_EA\_Feed}$

OUTFLOWS:

$\text{PCE\_Purge} = \text{PULSE}(\text{Mw\_PCE}, \text{Purge\_Pulse\_Time}, \text{Purge\_Increment\_Time})$

DOCUMENT: The pulse output simulates the purge of PCE that remained undechlorinated from the bottle.

$\text{PCE\_Dechlorination\_to\_TCE} =$

$\text{Inflow\_Zero\_TCE} * ((k_{PCE} * (\text{PCE\_Tuning}) * X_{Mt\_Dechlorinators} * C_{w\_PCE}) / (K_{s\_PCE} * \text{PCE\_Competitive\_Inhibition\_Term} + C_{w\_PCE} + \text{PCE\_Inhibition} * (C_{w\_PCE}^2 / K_{I\_PCE}))) * ((C_{w\_H2} - \text{H2\_Threshold\_dechlor}) / (K_{s\_H2\_Dechlor} + (C_{w\_H2} - \text{H2\_Threshold\_dechlor})))$   $\{\mu\text{mol PCE converted to TCE/hr}\}$

$\text{PCE\_Sampling} =$

$\text{PULSE}(\text{Liquid\_Waste\_Rate} * C_{w\_PCE} * V_w, \text{Waste\_Pulse\_Time}, \text{Waste\_Increment\_Time})$

$Mw\_TCE(t) = Mw\_TCE(t - dt) + (Volat\_and\_Dissol\_TCE + PCE\_Dechlorination\_to\_TCE + ConstantTCE\_Feeding + Pulse\_TCE\_Feeding - TCE\_purge - TCE\_Dechlorination\_to\_DCE - TCE\_Sampling) * dt$   
 INIT Mw\_TCE = Initial\_TCE

DOCUMENT: Reservoir representing TCE in the liquid phase {μmol}.

INFLOWS:

$Volat\_and\_Dissol\_TCE = Inflow\_Zero\_TCE * Vw * K_{la\_TCE} * ((Cg\_TCE / Hc\_TCE) - Cw\_TCE)$

DOCUMENT: This biflow simulates the exchange of TCE between the gaseous and liquid phases of the bottle.

$PCE\_Dechlorination\_to\_TCE = Inflow\_Zero\_TCE * ((k\_PCE * (PCE\_Tuning) * X\_Mt\_Dechlorinators * Cw\_PCE) / (Ks\_PCE * PCE\_Competitive\_Inhibition\_Term + Cw\_PCE + PCE\_Inhibition * (Cw\_PCE^2 / KI\_PCE))) * ((Cw\_H2 - H2\_Threshold\_dechlor) / (Ks\_H2\_Dechlor + (Cw\_H2 - H2\_Threshold\_dechlor)))$  {μmol PCE converted to TCE/hr}

$ConstantTCE\_Feeding = STEP(TCE\_Feed\_Rate\_in\_umol\_per\_hr, Feed\_Time\_Electron\_Acceptor) * Constant\_EA\_Feed$  {umol/hr}

$Pulse\_TCE\_Feeding = PULSE(Pulse\_Value\_TCE, Feed\_Pulse\_Time\_EA, Feed\_Increment\_Time\_EA) * Pulse\_EA\_Feed$   
 OUTFLOWS:

$TCE\_purge = PULSE(Mw\_TCE, Purge\_Pulse\_Time, Purge\_Increment\_Time)$

DOCUMENT: The pulse output simulates the purge of accumulated TCE from the bottle.

$TCE\_Dechlorination\_to\_DCE = Inflow\_Zero\_DCE * ((k\_TCE * (HupLpercell / HupLpercellMAX) * X\_Mt\_Dechlorinators * Cw\_TCE) / (Ks\_TCE * TCE\_Competitive\_Inhibition\_Term + Cw\_TCE)) * ((Cw\_H2 - H2\_Threshold\_dechlor) / (Ks\_H2\_Dechlor + (Cw\_H2 - H2\_Threshold\_dechlor)))$  {μmol TCE converted to DCE/hr}

$TCE\_Sampling = PULSE(Liquid\_Waste\_Rate * Cw\_TCE * Vw, Waste\_Pulse\_Time, Waste\_Increment\_Time)$   
 $Mw\_VC(t) = Mw\_VC(t - dt) + (Volat\_and\_Dissol\_VC + DCE\_Dechlorination\_to\_VC - VC\_Dechlorination\_to\_ETH - VC\_Purge - VC\_Sampling) * dt$   
 INIT Mw\_VC = 0 {μmol}

DOCUMENT: Reservoir representing VC in the liquid phase {μmol}.

INFLOWS:

$Volat\_and\_Dissol\_VC = Inflow\_Zero\_VC * Vw * K_{la\_VC} * ((Cg\_VC / Hc\_VC) - Cw\_VC)$  {μmol/hr}

DOCUMENT: This biflow simulates the exchange of VC between the gaseous and liquid phases of the bottle.

DCE\_Dechlorination\_to\_VC =  

$$\text{Inflow\_Zero\_VC} * ((k\_DCE * (\text{HupLpercell} / \text{HupLpercellMAX}) * X\_Mt\_Dechlorinators * Cw\_DCE) / (Ks\_DCE * DCE\_Competitive\_Inhibition\_Term + Cw\_DCE)) * ((Cw\_H2 - H2\_Threshold\_dechlor) / (Ks\_H2\_Dechlor + (Cw\_H2 - H2\_Threshold\_dechlor)))$$
 {μmol DCE converted to VC/hr}

OUTFLOWS:

VC\_Dechlorination\_to\_ETH =  

$$\text{Inflow\_Zero\_ETH} * ((k\_VC * (\text{HupLpercell} / \text{HupLpercellMAX}) * X\_Mt\_Dechlorinators * Cw\_VC) / (Ks\_VC * VC\_Competitive\_Inhibition\_Term + Cw\_VC)) * ((Cw\_H2 - H2\_Threshold\_dechlor) / (Ks\_H2\_Dechlor + (Cw\_H2 - H2\_Threshold\_dechlor)))$$
 {μmol VC converted to ETH/hr}

VC\_Purge = PULSE(Mw\_VC, Purge\_Pulse\_Time, Purge\_Increment\_Time)

DOCUMENT: The pulse output simulates the purge of accumulated VC from the bottle.

VC\_Sampling =  
 PULSE(Liquid\_Waste\_Rate \* Cw\_VC \* Vw, Waste\_Pulse\_Time, Waste\_Increment\_Time)  
 Actual\_Total\_Mass\_DCE = Mg\_DCE + Mw\_DCE {μmol}

DOCUMENT: Mt DCE

Actual\_Total\_Mass\_ETH = Mg\_ETH + Mw\_ETH {μmol}

DOCUMENT: Mt ETH

Actual\_Total\_Mass\_PCE = Mg\_PCE + Mw\_PCE {μmol}

DOCUMENT: Mt PCE

Actual\_Total\_Mass\_TCE = Mg\_TCE + Mw\_TCE {μmol}

DOCUMENT: Mt TCE

Actual\_Total\_Mass\_VC = Mg\_VC + Mw\_VC {μmol}

DOCUMENT: Mt VC

cDCE\_Concentration = 1400 {umol/L}

cDCE\_Feed\_Rate\_in\_umol\_per\_hr =

$$\text{Feed\_Rate\_cDCE} * 60 / 1E6 * cDCE\_Concentration * \text{Saturated\_Media} + \text{Neat\_DCE\_Feed\_Rate} * \text{Neat\_EA}$$

$$Cg\_DCE = Mg\_DCE / Vg$$
 {μmol/L}

$Cg\_DCE\_Eq = Cw\_DCE * Hc\_DCE \{ \mu mol/L \}$   
 $Cg\_ETH = Mg\_ETH / Vg \{ \mu mol/L \}$   
 $Cg\_ETH\_Eq = Cw\_ETH * Hc\_ETH \{ \mu mol/L \}$   
 $Cg\_PCE = Mg\_PCE / Vg \{ \mu mol/L \}$   
 $Cg\_PCE\_Eq = Cw\_PCE * Hc\_PCE \{ \mu mol/L \}$   
 $Cg\_TCE = Mg\_TCE / Vg \{ \mu mol/L \}$   
 $Cg\_TCE\_Eq = Cw\_TCE * Hc\_TCE \{ \mu mol/L \}$   
 $Cg\_VC = Mg\_VC / Vg \{ \mu mol/L \}$   
 $Cg\_VC\_Eq = Cw\_VC * Hc\_VC \{ \mu mol/L \}$   
 $Constant\_EA\_Feed = 0$   
 $Cw\_DCE = Mw\_DCE / Vw \{ \mu mol/L \}$   
 $Cw\_ETH = Mw\_ETH / Vw \{ \mu mol/L \}$   
 $Cw\_PCE = Mw\_PCE / Vw \{ \mu mol/L \}$   
 $Cw\_TCE = Mw\_TCE / Vw \{ \mu mol/L \}$   
 $Cw\_VC = Mw\_VC / Vw \{ \mu mol/L \}$   
 $DCE\_Competitive\_Inhibition\_Term = \text{if } (DCE\_to\_VC\_Inhibition=0) \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } (1+(Cw\_TCE/KI\_TCE\_on\_DCE+Cw\_PCE/KI\_PCE\_on\_DCE))$   
 $DCE\_to\_VC\_Inhibition = 0$   
 $Feed\_Increment\_Time\_EA = 24 \{ hr \}$   
 $Feed\_Pulse\_Time\_EA = 0 \{ hr \}$   
 $Feed\_Rate\_cDCE = 0$   
 DOCUMENT: The rate at which cDCE is fed to the microcosm ( $\mu L/min$ ) beginning at 0 hr until the end of the experiment.

$Feed\_Rate\_PCE = 0$   
 DOCUMENT: The rate at which PCE is fed to the microcosm ( $\mu L/min$ ) beginning at 0 hr until the end of the experiment.

$HupLpercell = .1$   
 $HupLpercellMAX = 20.29$   
 $Inflow\_Zero\_DCE = IF(Headspace\_Purge\_DCE\_g>0)THEN(0)ELSE(1)$   
 DOCUMENT: This converter takes a value of 1 if there is no purge occurring. It takes a value of 0 if there IS a purge event. The purpose of the converter is to zero the flow so that the stock is fully purged.

$Inflow\_Zero\_ETH = IF(Headspace\_Purge\_ETH\_g>0)THEN(0)ELSE(1)$   
 DOCUMENT: This converter takes a value of 1 if there is no purge occurring. It takes a value of 0 if there IS a purge event. The purpose of the converter is to zero the flow so that the stock is fully purged.

$Inflow\_Zero\_PCE = IF(Headspace\_Purge\_PCE\_g>0)THEN(0)ELSE(1)$

DOCUMENT: This converter takes a value of 1 if there is no purge occurring. It takes a value of 0 if there IS a purge event. The purpose of the converter is to zero the flow so that the stock is fully purged.

Inflow\_Zero\_TCE = IF(Headspace\_Purge\_TCE\_g>0)THEN(0)ELSE(1)

DOCUMENT: This converter takes a value of 1 if there is no purge occurring. It takes a value of 0 if there IS a purge event. The purpose of the converter is to zero the flow so that the stock is fully purged.

Inflow\_Zero\_VC = IF(Headspace\_Purge\_VC\_g>0)THEN(0)ELSE(1)

DOCUMENT: This converter takes a value of 1 if there is no purge occurring. It takes a value of 0 if there IS a purge event. The purpose of the converter is to zero the flow so that the stock is fully purged.

Initial\_DCE = 0 {μmol/bottle}

Initial\_ETH = 0 { μmol/Bottle }

Initial\_PCE = 0 {μmol/Bottle}

Initial\_TCE = 0 {μmol/Bottle}

Initial\_VC = 0 {μmol/bottle}

KI\_DCE\_on\_TCE = 2.93

KI\_DCE\_on\_VC = 0.160

KI\_PCE = 1485 {umol/L}

KI\_PCE\_on\_DCE = 22.2

KI\_TCE\_on\_DCE = 0.358

KI\_TCE\_on\_PCE = 0.358

KI\_TCE\_on\_VC = 0.358

Ks\_DCE = 7.66

DOCUMENT: This value is calculated from nonlinear regressions several PSS experiments in file: Nonlinear\_Regression.xls.

Ks\_H2\_Dechlor = 0.1

DOCUMENT: Half-velocity coefficient for H2 for dechlorination, 0.1 μmol/L, Smatlak, 1995.

Ks\_PCE = 12.91

DOCUMENT: Half-velocity coefficient for PCE dechlorination, 0.54 μmol/L, Smatlak, 1995; 0.6 μmol/L, Tandoi, 1994.

This value is calculated from nonlinear regressions several PSS experiments in file: Nonlinear\_Regression.xls.



$$K_s\_TCE = .134$$

DOCUMENT: This value is calculated from nonlinear regressions several PSS experiments in file: Nonlinear\_Regression.xls.

$$K_s\_VC = 101$$

DOCUMENT: Half-velocity coefficient for VC, 290  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ , Smatlak, 1995.

Estimated from relative  $v_{\text{max}}/K_s$  in Tandoi et al., 1994  
and the  $k/K_s$  for the pure culture for PCE. 3

{ $\mu\text{mol PCE to VC/16S DNA copies-hr}$ }

This value is calculated from nonlinear regressions several PSS experiments in file:  
Nonlinear\_Regression.xls and batch\_03\_18\_09\_VC\_kinetics.xls.

$$k\_DCE = 2.31\text{E-}10$$

DOCUMENT: Estimated from relative  $v_{\text{max}}/K_s$  in Tandoi et al., 1994  
and the  $k/K_s$  for the pure culture for PCE. 3

{ $\mu\text{mol PCE to VC/16S DNA copies-hr}$ }

This value is calculated from nonlinear regressions several PSS experiments in file:  
Nonlinear\_Regression.xls.

$$k\_PCE = 1.98\text{E-}10$$

DOCUMENT: Rate of PCE dechlorination { $\mu\text{mol PCE to VC/16S DNA copies-hr}$ }

1.25E-10 (Rahm, 2008)

This value is calculated from nonlinear regressions several PSS experiments in file:  
Nonlinear\_Regression.xls.

$$k\_TCE = 1.17\text{E-}10$$

DOCUMENT: Estimated from relative  $v_{\text{max}}/K_s$  in Tandoi et al., 1994  
and the  $k/K_s$  for the pure culture for PCE. 3

{ $\mu\text{mol PCE to VC/16S DNA copies-hr}$ }

This value is calculated from nonlinear regressions several PSS experiments in file:  
Nonlinear\_Regression.xls.

$k_{VC} = 1.01E-10$

DOCUMENT: Estimated from relative  $v_{max}/K_s$  in Tandoi et al., 1994 and the  $k/K_s$  for the pure culture for PCE. 3

{ $\mu\text{mol PCE to VC/16S DNA copies-hr}$ }

Estimated from relative  $v_{max}/K_s$  in Tandoi et al., 1994 and the  $k/K_s$  for the pure culture for PCE. 3

{ $\mu\text{mol PCE to VC/16S DNA copies-hr}$ }

This value is calculated from nonlinear regressions several PSS experiments in file: Nonlinear\_Regression.xls and batch\_03\_18\_09\_VC\_kinetics.xls

$\text{Mass\_if\_HS\_Meas\_DCE} = C_{g\_DCE} * (V_g + (V_w / H_{c\_DCE})) \text{ } \{\mu\text{mol}\}$

DOCUMENT:  $M_t$  for DCE if determined from a direct measurement of  $C_g$ .

$\text{Mass\_if\_HS\_Meas\_ETH} = C_{g\_ETH} * (V_g + (V_w / H_{c\_ETH})) \text{ } \{\mu\text{mol}\}$

DOCUMENT:  $M_t$  for ETH if determined from a direct measurement of  $C_g$ .

$\text{Mass\_if\_HS\_Meas\_PCE} = C_{g\_PCE} * (V_g + (V_w / H_{c\_PCE})) \text{ } \{\mu\text{mol}\}$

DOCUMENT:  $M_t$  for PCE if determined from a direct measurement of  $C_g$ .

$\text{Mass\_if\_HS\_Meas\_TCE} = C_{g\_TCE} * (V_g + (V_w / H_{c\_TCE})) \text{ } \{\mu\text{mol}\}$

DOCUMENT:  $M_t$  for TCE if determined from a direct measurement of  $C_g$ .

$\text{Mass\_if\_HS\_Meas\_VC} = C_{g\_VC} * (V_g + (V_w / H_{c\_VC})) \text{ } \{\mu\text{mol}\}$

DOCUMENT:  $M_t$  for VC if determined from a direct measurement of  $C_g$ .

$\text{Neat\_EA} = 0$

$\text{Neat\_PCE\_Feed\_Rate} = 0 \text{ } \{\mu\text{mol/hour}\}$

$\text{PCE\_Competitive\_Inhibition\_Term} = \text{if (PCE\_to\_TCE\_Inhibition}=0) \text{ then } 1 \text{ else}$

$(1 + (C_w\_TCE / K_{I\_TCE\_on\_PCE}))$

$\text{PCE\_Feed\_Rate\_in\_umol\_per\_hr} =$

$\text{Feed\_Rate\_PCE} * 60 / 1E6 * \text{Saturated\_PCE\_Concentration} * \text{Saturated\_Media} + \text{Neat\_PCE\_Feed\_Rate} * \text{Neat\_EA}$

$\text{PCE\_Inhibition} = 0$

$\text{PCE\_to\_TCE\_Inhibition} = 0$

$\text{PCE\_Tuning} = \text{IF } (C_w\_PCE < (10 * K_s\_PCE)) \text{ then } 1 \text{ ELSE } (\text{HupLpercell} / \text{HupLpercellMAX})$

$\text{Pulse\_EA\_Feed} = 0$

Pulse\_Value\_DCE = 0 {umoles}  
 Pulse\_Value\_PCE = 0 {umoles}  
 Pulse\_Value\_TCE = 0 {umoles}  
 Saturated\_Media = 0  
 Saturated\_PCE\_Concentration = 393 {umol/L}  
 TCE\_Competitive\_Inhibition\_Term = if (TCE\_to\_DCE\_Inhibition=0) then 1 else  
 (1+(Cw\_DCE/KI\_DCE\_on\_TCE))  
 TCE\_Feed\_Rate\_in\_umol\_per\_hr =  
 Feed\_Rate\_TCE\*60/1E6\*Saturated\_TCE\_Concentration\*Saturated\_Media+Neat\_TCE\_Feed\_R  
 ate\*Neat\_EA  
 TCE\_to\_DCE\_Inhibition = 0  
 VC\_Competitive\_Inhibition\_Term = if (VC\_to\_ETH\_Inhibition=0) then 1 else  
 (1+(Cw\_TCE/KI\_TCE\_on\_VC+Cw\_DCE/KI\_DCE\_on\_VC))  
 VC\_to\_ETH\_Inhibition = 0

#### DECHLORINATOR BIOMASS

X\_Dechlorinators(t) = X\_Dechlorinators(t - dt) + (Biomass\_Growth\_Dechlorinators -  
 Biomass\_Decay\_Dechlorinators - Day\_4\_Waste\_X\_Dechlorinators) \* dt  
 INIT X\_Dechlorinators = Initial\_X\_Dechlorinators\*Initial\_Culture\_Dilution

DOCUMENT: Reservoir representing dechlorinator biomass {16S DNA copies}.

#### INFLOWS:

Biomass\_Growth\_Dechlorinators =  
 Y\_Dechlorinators\*(PCE\_Dechlorination\_to\_TCE\*H2\_per\_PCE\_Dechlorinated+TCE\_Dechlorin  
 ation\_to\_DCE\*H2\_per\_TCE\_Dechlorinated+DCE\_Dechlorination\_to\_VC\*H2\_per\_DCE\_Dechl  
 orinated) {mg VSS/hr}

#### OUTFLOWS:

Biomass\_Decay\_Dechlorinators = Decay\_Dechlorinators\*X\_Dechlorinators {cellss/hr}  
 Day\_4\_Waste\_X\_Dechlorinators =  
 PULSE(X\_Dechlorinators\*Liquid\_Waste\_Rate,Waste\_Pulse\_Time,Waste\_Increment\_Time)  
 {mg VSS wasted every 3 hr}

DOCUMENT: 2.5 mL of the liquid from the culture is wasted for sampling every 3 hours (3 hr-  
 dt). This decreases the mass of soluble constituents by 2.5 percent.

Decay\_Dechlorinators = 0.001 {/hr}

DOCUMENT: 0.001/hr. Generic number.

Initial\_Culture\_Dilution = 1

DOCUMENT: Dilution of initial culture: undiluted = 1, half = 0.5, quarter = 0.25

Initial\_X\_Dechlorinators = DHC\_Initial\_Copies/DHC\_DNA\_Copies\_per\_Cell {cells}

DOCUMENT: Initial amount of dechlorinator present (cells).

$X\_Cw\_Dechlorinators = X\_Dechlorinators/Vw$  {mg VSS/L}

DOCUMENT: Converter to allow reporting of dechlorinator biomass as a concentration {16S DNA copies/L}.

$X\_Mt\_Dechlorinators = X\_Dechlorinators$  {16S DNA copies}

$Y\_Dechlorinators = 1.6e8$

DOCUMENT: Yield for dechlorinators. {16S DNA copies/ $\mu$ mol H<sub>2</sub> used.}

1.6E8 (Rahm, 2007)

#### DONOR FERMENTER BIOMASS

$X\_Butyrate\_Fermenters(t) = X\_Butyrate\_Fermenters(t - dt) +$   
(Biomass\_Growth\_Butyrate\_Fermenters - Biomass\_Decay\_Butyrate\_Fermenters -  
Day\_4\_Waste\_X\_Butyrate\_Fermenters) \* dt

INIT  $X\_Butyrate\_Fermenters = Initial\_X\_Butyrate\_Fermenters * Initial\_Culture\_Dilution$  {cells}

DOCUMENT: Reservoir representing butyrate fermenter biomass {copies}.

#### INFLOWS:

Biomass\_Growth\_Butyrate\_Fermenters =  
 $Y\_Butyrate\_Fermenters * Butyrate\_Fermented\_to\_Acetate$  {copies/hr}

#### OUTFLOWS:

Biomass\_Decay\_Butyrate\_Fermenters =  $X\_Butyrate\_Fermenters * Decay\_Butyrate\_Fermenters$   
{cells/hr}

Day\_4\_Waste\_X\_Butyrate\_Fermenters =

PULSE( $X\_Butyrate\_Fermenters * Liquid\_Waste\_Rate$ , Waste\_Pulse\_Time, Waste\_Increment\_Time)  
{copies wasted every 96 hr}

DOCUMENT: Ten percent (10 mL) of the liquid from the culture is wasted and replaced with 10 mL of fresh basal medium every 4 days (96 hr-dt). This decreases the amount of soluble constituents by 10 percent. Volatile constituents are not affected since they are purged out after each 96 hr period.

$Decay\_Butyrate\_Fermenters = 0.001$  {/hr}

DOCUMENT: 0.001/hr. Generic number.

$Fermenters\_DNA\_Copies\_per\_Cell = 3$

DOCUMENT: The number of copies of the 16S gene per cell.

Fermenters\_Initial\_Copies = 4.93e9 {copies in 100 mL}  
DOCUMENT: Initial copies of 16S gene in 100 mL of culture.

Initial\_X\_Butyrate\_Fermenters = Fermenters\_Initial\_Copies/Fermenters\_DNA\_Copies\_per\_Cell  
{cells}  
DOCUMENT: Initial amount of butyrate fermenter biomass present (copies).

X\_Cw\_Butyrate\_Fermenters = X\_Butyrate\_Fermenters/Vw {cells/L}  
DOCUMENT: Converter to allow reporting of butyrate fermenter biomass as a concentration  
{copies/L}.

X\_Mt\_Butyrate\_Fermenters = X\_Butyrate\_Fermenters {cells}  
Y\_Butyrate\_Fermenters = 1.26E6 {cells/umol butyrate}  
DOCUMENT: Yield for butyrate fermenters.

#### GLOBAL INPUTS

Butyrate\_μeq\_per\_μmol = 4 {μeq/μmol HBU}  
Cw\_Bicarbonate = 0.0714 {mol/L}  
DOCUMENT: Bicarbonate concentration in the basal salts medium {mol/L}.

Ethanol\_μeq\_per\_μmol = 4 {μeq/μmol EtOH}  
Feed\_Increment\_Time\_Donor = 12 {hr}  
DOCUMENT: This is the increment of time {hr} between feedings.

Feed\_Time\_Donor = 0 {hr}  
DOCUMENT: The pulse feed time is the time {hr} at which the first feed pulse occurs.

Feed\_Time\_Electron\_Acceptor = 0 {hr}  
DOCUMENT: The time {hr} when the first input of electron acceptor occurs.

$g_{CH4} = 10^{(Salt\_Out\_CH4 * Ionic\_Strength)}$   
DOCUMENT: Activity coefficient for the nonionic compound, CH<sub>4</sub>.

$$g\_H2 = 10^{(\text{Salt\_Out\_H2} * \text{Ionic\_Strength})}$$

DOCUMENT: Activity coefficient for the nonionic compound, H2.

$$g\_ionic\_Z1 = 10^{-(0.5 * Z^2 * \text{Ionic\_Strength}^{0.5}) / (1 + \text{Ionic\_Strength}^{0.5})}$$

DOCUMENT: Activity coefficient for ionic compounds with a charge of 1. Calculated using the Guntelburg approximation.

$$H2\_Threshold\_dechlor = 0.0015 \text{ } \{\mu\text{mol/L}\}$$

DOCUMENT: Estimate, Fennell, 1997 from FYE- or non-fed cultures.

$$H2\_Threshold\_meth = 0.008 \text{ } \{\mu\text{mol/L}\}$$

DOCUMENT: Estimate, Fennell, 1997.

$$H2\_Threshold\_unknown\_sink = 0.0001 \text{ } \{\mu\text{mol/L}\}$$

$$Hc\_CH4 = 33.1$$

DOCUMENT: pseudo-dimensionless, DiStefano, 1992

$$Hc\_DCE = 0.190$$

DOCUMENT: dimensionless, for cis-1,2-DCE, 30C

$$Hc\_ETH = 9$$

DOCUMENT: pseudo-dimensionless, DiStefano, 1992

$$Hc\_H2 = 52.7$$

DOCUMENT: Young, 1981

$$Hc\_PCE = 0.917$$

DOCUMENT: dimensionless, 30C

$$Hc\_TCE = 0.491$$

DOCUMENT: dimensionless, 30C

$$Hc\_VC = 1.264$$

DOCUMENT: dimensionless, 30C

Ionic\_Strength = 0.0856

DOCUMENT: Estimated for the basal salts medium {eq/L}.

Kla\_CH4 = 50 {/hr}

DOCUMENT: Smatlak, 1995

Kla\_DCE = 38.2 {/hr}

DOCUMENT: Estimated from the molar volume and Equation 9-26 of Schwarzenbach et al., 1993, and the relationship developed by Smatlak, 1995. 38.2 (/hr)

Kla\_ETH = 60 {/hr}

DOCUMENT: Smatlak, 1995 60 (/hr)

Kla\_H2 = 69.3 {/hr}

DOCUMENT: Smatlak, 1995

Kla\_PCE = 25 {/hr}

DOCUMENT: Smatlak, 1995 25 (/hr)

Kla\_TCE = 36 {/hr}

DOCUMENT: Estimated from the molar volume and Equation 9-26 of Schwarzenbach et al., 1993, and the relationship developed by Smatlak, 1995. 36 (/hr)

Kla\_VC = 40 {/hr}

DOCUMENT: Smatlak, 1995 40 (/hr)

Lactate\_ueq\_per\_umol = 4 {μeq/μmol Lac}

Liquid\_Waste\_Rate = 0.025

DOCUMENT: 2.5 mL of the liquid is removed for sampling.

PCE\_μeq\_per\_μmol = 8 {μeq/μmol PCE}

pH = 7.3

DOCUMENT: Typical pH of the system.

Propionate\_μeq\_per\_μmol = 6 {μeq/μmol Prop}

Purge\_Increment\_Time = 24 {hours}

DOCUMENT: Time increment for purging the bottles.

Purge\_Pulse\_Time = 24 {hours}

DOCUMENT: Time at which the first purge occurs.

R = 0.00831441 {kJ/mol-K}

DOCUMENT: For thermodynamic calculations.

R2 = 0.082054 {L-atm/mol-K}

DOCUMENT: To convert Cg ( $\mu\text{mol/L}$ ) to partial pressure (atm).

Salt\_Out\_CH4 = 0.135 {L/mol}

DOCUMENT: Salt effect parameter for CH<sub>4</sub> in aqueous NaCl solution from a review of various studies. In Solubility Data Series, Vol 27/28, Methane, C.L. Young, editor, 1987, Pergamon Press, page 70.

Salt\_Out\_H2 = 0.102 {L/mol}

DOCUMENT: Salt effect parameter for H<sub>2</sub> in aqueous NaCl solution from a review of various studies. In Solubility Data Series, Vol 5/6, Hydrogen and Deuterium, C.L. Young, editor, 1981, Pergamon Press, page 32.

Temp = 308.15 {K}

DOCUMENT: Temperature, K

Vg = 0.12 {L}

DOCUMENT: Volume {L} of the gaseous headspace of the serum bottle

Vw = 0.1 {L}

DOCUMENT: Volume {L} of the aqueous contents of the serum bottle.

Waste\_Increment\_Time = 3 {hr}

DOCUMENT: This is the time {hr} that elapses between wasting events.

Waste\_Pulse\_Time = 0 {hr}

DOCUMENT: This is the initial time {hr} at which all sampling events occur. The waste event occurs just prior to feeding, that's why the event is set at 3-dt.



YE\_HAc\_μmol\_per\_uL = 0.0689 {μmol Acetic acid/uL YE added}

DOCUMENT: Acetic acid produced by addition of YE .

YE\_HBu\_μmol\_per\_uL = 0.0665 {μmol Butyric acid/uL YE added}

DOCUMENT: Butyric acid produced by YE added. Table 5.12 of Donna's thesis.

YE\_Prop\_μmol\_per\_uL = 0.0160 {μmol Propionic acid/uL YE }

DOCUMENT: Propionic acid formed from YE addition.

YE\_μeq\_per\_uL = 2.03 {μeq contributed/ mg YE }

DOCUMENT: The amount of reducing equivalents added by YE . From 1/18/10 batch experiment (and 3/4/09 no donor PSS) (1.03 ueeq/ul). It was assumed that 10% of reduction equivalents were channelled to synthesis. (1.14\*0.9=1.03)

Z = 1

DOCUMENT: Charge on ionic species

## HYDROGEN

$$Mt\_Hydrogen(t) = Mt\_Hydrogen(t - dt) + (Hydrogen\_Production + Pulse\_Hydrogen\_Feeding + Step\_Hydrogen\_Feeding - H2\_For\_Dechlorination - H2\_For\_Methanogenesis - Purging\_H2 - H2\_for\_Unknown\_Sink - Sampling\_Hydrogen) * dt$$

INIT Mt\_Hydrogen = Initial\_H2

DOCUMENT: This reservoir represents all gaseous and aqueous hydrogen plus the aqueous formate that is in equilibrium with the aqueous hydrogen.

## INFLOWS:

Hydrogen\_Production =

$$(fe\_Butyrate * (Butyrate\_Fermented\_to\_Acetate + Fermented\_Myth\_But) * H2\_per\_Butyrate\_Fermented\_to\_Acetate) + (fe\_Lactate * Myth\_Lac\_Fermented\_to\_Acetate * H2\_per\_Lactate\_Fermented\_to\_Acetate) + (fe\_Propionate * Propionate\_Fermented\_to\_Acetate * H2\_per\_Propionate\_Fermented\_to\_Acetate) \{ \mu mol/hr \}$$

DOCUMENT: Hydrogen production from all donors.

$$Hydrogen\ Produced = \text{Sum of } \{ \text{donor fermentation flow} * \text{stoichiometric conversion (H2/Donor)} * fe \}$$

Where fe is the fraction of the donor that is used for energy.

Pulse\_Hydrogen\_Feeding =  
 PULSE(Pulse\_Value\_Hydrogen,Feed\_Time\_Donor,Feed\_Increment\_Time\_Donor)  
 Step\_Hydrogen\_Feeding =  
 Constant\_Hydrogen\_Feed\*STEP(Step\_Value\_Hydrogen,Feed\_Time\_Donor)  
 OUTFLOWS:  
 H2\_For\_Dechlorination =  
 (PCE\_Dechlorination\_to\_TCE\*H2\_per\_PCE\_Dechlorinated+TCE\_Dechlorination\_to\_DCE\*H2\_per\_TCE\_Dechlorinated+DCE\_Dechlorination\_to\_VC\*H2\_per\_DCE\_Dechlorinated+VC\_Dechlorination\_to\_ETH\*H2\_per\_VC\_Dechlorinated)/fe\_H2\_to\_Dechlorination { $\mu\text{mol/hr}$ }  
 H2\_For\_Methanogenesis = (k\_H2\_methane\*X\_Mt\_Hydrogenotrophic\_Methanogens\*(Cw\_H2-H2\_Threshold\_meth))/(Ks\_H2\_methane+(Cw\_H2-H2\_Threshold\_meth)) { $\mu\text{mol/hr}$ }  
 Purging\_H2 = PULSE(Mt\_Hydrogen,Purge\_Pulse\_Time,Purge\_Increment\_Time) { $\mu\text{mol}$  wasted every 96 hr}  
 DOCUMENT: The pulse output simulates the purge of hydrogen from the bottle every 4 days (96 hr-dt).

H2\_for\_Unknown\_Sink = Cw\_H2\*k\_H2\_Unknown\_Sink\*Initial\_Culture\_Dilution  
 Sampling\_Hydrogen =  
 PULSE(Cw\_H2\*Liquid\_Waste\_Rate\*Vw,Waste\_Pulse\_Time,Waste\_Increment\_Time) { $\mu\text{mol}$  wasted or sampled}  
 Cg\_H2 = Mt\_Hydrogen/((Vw/Hc\_H2)+Vg) { $\mu\text{mol/L}$ }  
 Constant\_Hydrogen\_Feed = 2 { $\mu\text{mol/hr}$ }  
 Cw\_H2 = Mt\_Hydrogen/(Vw+(Hc\_H2\*Vg)) { $\mu\text{mol/L}$ }  
 fe\_H2\_to\_Dechlorination = 0.9023  
 DOCUMENT: fe -- fraction of hydrogen used for energy

H2\_atm = Cg\_H2\*R2\*Temp/1E6 {atm}  
 H2\_per\_DCE\_Dechlorinated = 1 { $\mu\text{mol Hydrogen}/\mu\text{mol DCE}$  converted to VC}  
 H2\_per\_PCE\_Dechlorinated = 1 { $\mu\text{mol Hydrogen}/\mu\text{mol PCE}$  converted to TCE}  
 H2\_per\_TCE\_Dechlorinated = 1 { $\mu\text{mol Hydrogen}/\mu\text{mol TCE}$  converted to DCE}  
 H2\_per\_VC\_Dechlorinated = 1 { $\mu\text{mol Hydrogen}/\mu\text{mol VC}$  Dechlorinated to ETH }  
 Initial\_H2 = 1E-20 { $\mu\text{mol/bottle}$ }  
 Ks\_H2\_methane = 0.5  
 DOCUMENT: Half-velocity coefficient for hydrogen conversion to methane. An average value of 0.96  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  was reported by Smatlak, 1995; however, a slightly lower value was used for modeling.

k\_H2\_methane = 9.41e-10 { $\mu\text{mol H2/cell-hr}$ }  
 k\_H2\_Unknown\_Sink = 1  
 Pulse\_Value\_Hydrogen = 0  
 DOCUMENT: This is the amount of hydrogen fed { $\mu\text{mol}$ } at each pulse beginning at 0 hr and occurring every 48 hr.

Step\_Value\_Hydrogen = 0.5

#### HYDROGENOTROPHIC METHANOGEN BIOMASS

$X_{\text{Hydrogenotrophic\_Methanogens}}(t) = X_{\text{Hydrogenotrophic\_Methanogens}}(t - dt) +$   
(Biomass\_Growth\_Hydrogenotrophic\_Methanogens -  
Biomass\_Decay\_Hydrogenotrophic\_Methanogens -  
Day\_4\_Waste\_X\_Hydrogenotrophic\_Methanogens) \* dt  
INIT  $X_{\text{Hydrogenotrophic\_Methanogens}} =$   
Initial\_X\_Hydrogenotrophic\_Methanogens\*Initial\_Culture\_Dilution {cells}

DOCUMENT: Reservoir representing hydrogenotrophic methanogen biomass {mg VSS}.

#### INFLOWS:

Biomass\_Growth\_Hydrogenotrophic\_Methanogens =  
 $Y_{\text{Hydrogenotrophic\_Methanogens}} * H_2_{\text{For\_Methanogenesis}}$  {cells/hr}

#### OUTFLOWS:

Biomass\_Decay\_Hydrogenotrophic\_Methanogens =  
Decay\_Hydrogenotrophic\_Methanogens\* $X_{\text{Hydrogenotrophic\_Methanogens}}$  {cells/hr}  
Day\_4\_Waste\_X\_Hydrogenotrophic\_Methanogens =  
PULSE( $X_{\text{Hydrogenotrophic\_Methanogens}} * \text{Liquid\_Waste\_Rate}$ , Waste\_Pulse\_Time, Waste\_Increment\_Time) {mg VS wasted every 96 hr}  
DOCUMENT: Ten percent (10 mL) of the liquid from the culture is wasted and replaced with 10 mL of fresh basal medium every 4 days (96 hrs). This decreases the amount of soluble constituents by 10 percent. Volatile constituents are not affected since they are purged out after each 96 hr period.

Decay\_Hydrogenotrophic\_Methanogens = 0.001 {/hr}

DOCUMENT: 0.001/hr. Generic number.

Hydrogenotrophic\_Methanogens\_DNA\_Copies\_per\_Cell = 4

DOCUMENT: The number of copies of the 16S gene per cell.

Initial\_X\_Hydrogenotrophic\_Methanogens =

$\text{Hydrogenotrophic\_Methanogens\_Initial\_Copies} / \text{Hydrogenotrophic\_Methanogens\_DNA\_Copies\_per\_Cell}$  {cells}

DOCUMENT: Initial amount of hydrogenotrophic methanogen biomass present (DNA copies).  
4 copies/cell

$X_{\text{Cw\_Hydrogenotrophic\_Methanogens}} = X_{\text{Hydrogenotrophic\_Methanogens}} / V_w$  {cells/L}

DOCUMENT: Converter to allow reporting of hydrogenotrophic methanogen biomass as a concentration (mg VSS/L).

$X_{\text{Mt\_Hydrogenotrophic\_Methanogens}} = X_{\text{Hydrogenotrophic\_Methanogens}} \{ \text{cells} \}$   
 $Y_{\text{Hydrogenotrophic\_Methanogens}} = 6.08 \times 10^7 \{ \text{cells}/\mu\text{mol} \}$

#### METHANE FROM ACETATE

$Mt\_Methane\_From\_Acetate(t) = Mt\_Methane\_From\_Acetate(t - dt) +$   
 $(Methane\_Production\_From\_Acetate - Purging\_Methane\_from\_Acetate -$   
 $Sampling\_Methane\_from\_Acetate) * dt$   
 $INIT Mt\_Methane\_From\_Acetate = Initial\_Methane/2$

DOCUMENT: Reservoir representing methane formed by acetotrophic methanogens  $\{ \mu\text{mol} \}$ .

#### INFLOWS:

$Methane\_Production\_From\_Acetate =$   
 $Inflow\_Zero\_Methane\_From\_Acetate * Acetate\_Conversion\_to\_Methane * fe\_Acetate$   
DOCUMENT: Methane production from acetate. Methane Produced = {HAc to Methane flow \* fe}. Where fe is the fraction of the donor that is used for energy.

#### OUTFLOWS:

$Purging\_Methane\_from\_Acetate =$   
 $PULSE(Mt\_Methane\_From\_Acetate, Purge\_Pulse\_Time, Purge\_Increment\_Time)$   
DOCUMENT: The pulse output simulates the purge of methane formed from acetate from the bottle.

$Sampling\_Methane\_from\_Acetate =$   
 $PULSE(Cw\_Methane\_From\_Acetate * Liquid\_Waste\_Rate * Vw, Waste\_Pulse\_Time, Waste\_Increment\_Time)$   
 $Cg\_Methane\_From\_Acetate = Mt\_Methane\_From\_Acetate / ((Vw/Hc\_CH4) + Vg) \{ \mu\text{mol}/L \}$   
 $Cw\_Methane\_From\_Acetate = Mt\_Methane\_From\_Acetate / (Vw + (Hc\_CH4 * Vg)) \{ \mu\text{mol}/L \}$   
 $fe\_Acetate = 0.9582$   
DOCUMENT: fe -- fraction of acetate for energy

$Inflow\_Zero\_Methane\_From\_Acetate =$   
 $IF(Purging\_Methane\_from\_Acetate > 0) THEN(0) ELSE(1)$   
DOCUMENT: This converter takes a value of 1 if there is no purge occurring. It takes a value of 1E-20 if there IS a purge event. The purpose of the converter is to zero the flow so that the stock is fully purged.

#### METHANE FROM HYDROGEN

$Mt\_Methane\_From\_H2(t) = Mt\_Methane\_From\_H2(t - dt) + (Methane\_Production\_From\_H2 - Purging\_Methane\_From\_H2 - Sampling\_Methane\_from\_H2) * dt$

INIT  $Mt\_Methane\_From\_H2 = Initial\_Methane/2$

DOCUMENT: Reservoir representing methane produced by hydrogenotrophic methanogens { $\mu\text{mol}$ }.

#### INFLOWS:

$Methane\_Production\_From\_H2 =$

$Inflow\_Zero\_Methane\_From\_H2 * fe\_H2 * H2\_For\_Methanogenesis * H2\_To\_CH4\_Molar\_Conversion\_Factor$  { $\mu\text{mol/hr}$ }

DOCUMENT: Methane production from hydrogen. Methane Produced = { $H2$  for Methanogenesis \* stoichiometric conversion ( $CH_4/H_2$ ) \*  $fe$ }. Where  $fe$  is the fraction of the donor that is used for energy.

#### OUTFLOWS:

$Purging\_Methane\_From\_H2 =$

$PULSE(Mt\_Methane\_From\_H2, Purge\_Pulse\_Time, Purge\_Increment\_Time)$

DOCUMENT: The pulse output simulates the purge of methane formed from hydrogen from the bottle.

$Sampling\_Methane\_from\_H2 =$

$PULSE(Cw\_Methane\_From\_H2 * Liquid\_Waste\_Rate * Vw, Waste\_Pulse\_Time, Waste\_Increment\_Time)$

$Cg\_Methane\_from\_H2 = Mt\_Methane\_From\_H2 / ((Vw/Hc\_CH4) + Vg)$  { $\mu\text{mol/L}$ }

$Cw\_Methane\_From\_H2 = Mt\_Methane\_From\_H2 / (Vw + (Hc\_CH4 * Vg))$  { $\mu\text{mol/L}$ }

$fe\_H2 = 0.8877$

DOCUMENT:  $fe$  -- fraction of hydrogen used for energy

$H2\_to\_CH4\_Molar\_Conversion\_Factor = 0.25$  { $\mu\text{mol } CH_4 \text{ Formed per } \mu\text{mol } H_2$ }

$Inflow\_Zero\_Methane\_From\_H2 = IF(Purging\_Methane\_From\_H2 > 0) THEN(0) ELSE(1)$

DOCUMENT: This converter takes a value of 1 if there is no purge occurring. It takes a value of 0 if there IS a purge event. The purpose of the converter is to zero the flow so that the stock is fully purged.

#### MYTHICAL FERMENTABLE SUBSTRATE POOL

$\text{Mythical\_Fermentable\_Butyrate}(t) = \text{Mythical\_Fermentable\_Butyrate}(t - dt) +$   
 $(\text{Pulse\_YE\_But\_Feed} + \text{Endogenous\_Decay\_to\_Butyrate} - \text{Fermented\_Myth\_But} - \text{But\_Waste})$   
 $\times dt$

INIT Mythical\_Fermentable\_Butyrate = 0

INFLOWS:

$\text{Pulse\_YE\_But\_Feed} =$   
 $\text{PULSE}(\text{Fraction\_of\_YE\_pool\_treated\_as\_butyrate} \times \text{YE\_Unknown} / \text{Butyrate\_ueq\_per\_umol}, \text{Feed\_Time\_Donor}, \text{Feed\_Increment\_Time\_Donor})$

$\text{Endogenous\_Decay\_to\_Butyrate} =$   
 $(\text{Total\_Biomass\_Decay}) \times \text{fraction\_decaying\_biomass\_to\_mythical\_pools} \times 1000 / \text{mg\_VSS\_per\_mmol\_VSS} \times \text{Endog\_Decay} \times \text{Fraction\_of\_ED\_pool\_treated\_as\_butyrate} \{ \mu\text{mol/hr} \}$

OUTFLOWS:

$\text{Fermented\_Myth\_But} =$   
 $(k\_Butyrate \times X\_Mt\_Butyrate\_Fermenters \times Cw\_Myth\_But \times \text{Thermo\_Factor\_Butyrate}) / (Ks\_Butyrate + Cw\_Myth\_But)$

$\text{But\_Waste} =$   
 $\text{PULSE}(\text{Mythical\_Fermentable\_Butyrate} \times \text{Liquid\_Waste\_Rate}, \text{Waste\_Pulse\_Time}, \text{Waste\_Increment\_Time}) \{ \mu\text{mol every 96 hr} \}$

$\text{Mythical\_Fermentable\_Lactate}(t) = \text{Mythical\_Fermentable\_Lactate}(t - dt) +$   
 $(\text{Pulse\_YE\_Lac\_Feed} + \text{Endogenous\_Decay\_to\_Lactate} - \text{Lac\_Waste} -$   
 $\text{Myth\_Lac\_Fermented\_to\_Acetate} - \text{Myth\_Lac\_Fermented\_to\_Propionate}) \times dt$

INIT Mythical\_Fermentable\_Lactate = 0

INFLOWS:

$\text{Pulse\_YE\_Lac\_Feed} =$   
 $\text{PULSE}(\text{Fraction\_of\_YE\_pool\_treated\_as\_lactate} \times \text{YE\_Unknown} / \text{Lactate\_ueq\_per\_umol}, \text{Feed\_Time\_Donor}, \text{Feed\_Increment\_Time\_Donor})$

$\text{Endogenous\_Decay\_to\_Lactate} =$   
 $(\text{Total\_Biomass\_Decay}) \times \text{fraction\_decaying\_biomass\_to\_mythical\_pools} \times 1000 / \text{mg\_VSS\_per\_mmol\_VSS} \times \text{Endog\_Decay} \times \text{Fraction\_of\_ED\_pool\_treated\_as\_lactate} \{ \mu\text{mol/hr} \}$

OUTFLOWS:

$\text{Lac\_Waste} =$   
 $\text{PULSE}(\text{Mythical\_Fermentable\_Lactate} \times \text{Liquid\_Waste\_Rate}, \text{Waste\_Pulse\_Time}, \text{Waste\_Increment\_Time}) \{ \mu\text{mol every 96 hr} \}$

$\text{Myth\_Lac\_Fermented\_to\_Acetate} =$   
 $(k\_Lactate\_to\_Acetate \times X\_Mt\_Butyrate\_Fermenters \times Cw\_Myth\_Lac \times \text{Thermo\_Factor\_Lac\_to\_Acetate}) / (Ks\_Lactate\_to\_Acetate + Cw\_Myth\_Lac)$

$\text{Myth\_Lac\_Fermented\_to\_Propionate} =$   
 $(k\_Lactate\_to\_Propionate \times X\_Mt\_Butyrate\_Fermenters \times Cw\_Myth\_Lac \times \text{Thermo\_Factor\_Lactate\_to\_Propionate}) / (Ks\_Lactate\_to\_Propionate + Cw\_Myth\_Lac)$

Ac\_Methanogens\_mgVSS\_per\_cell = 4.37e-10 {mgVSS/cell}

DOCUMENT: Calculated in file protein\_to\_cell\_conversion.xls

Constant\_Endogenous\_Decay = 0

Const\_End\_Decay = 0.006815  
Cw\_Myth\_But = Mythical\_Fermentable\_Butyrate/Vw { $\mu\text{mol/L}$ }  
Cw\_Myth\_Lac = Mythical\_Fermentable\_Lactate/Vw { $\mu\text{mol/L}$ }  
Dechlroinators\_mgVSS\_per\_cell = 2.688e-11 {mgVSS/cell}  
DOCUMENT: Calculated in file protein\_to\_cell\_conversion.xls

Endog\_Decay = 0  
Fermenters\_mgVSS\_per\_cell = 7.855e-10 {mgVSS/cell}  
DOCUMENT: Calculated in file protein\_to\_cell\_conversion.xls

fraction\_decaying\_biomass\_to\_mythical\_pools = .5  
Fraction\_of\_ED\_pool\_treated\_as\_butyrate = 0  
Fraction\_of\_ED\_pool\_treated\_as\_lactate = 1-Fraction\_of\_ED\_pool\_treated\_as\_butyrate  
Fraction\_of\_YE\_pool\_treated\_as\_butyrate = .5  
Fraction\_of\_YE\_pool\_treated\_as\_lactate = 1-Fraction\_of\_YE\_pool\_treated\_as\_butyrate  
H2\_Methanogens\_mgVSS\_per\_cell = 5.998e-10 {mgVSS/cell}  
DOCUMENT: Calculated in file protein\_to\_cell\_conversion.xls

Ks\_Lactate\_to\_Acetate = 2.5  
DOCUMENT: Half-velocity coefficient for lactate fermentation. 2.52  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ , Fennell, est., 1996. 4x for 25C

Ks\_Lactate\_to\_Propionate = 2.5  
k\_Lactate\_to\_Acetate = 1.7e-9  
DOCUMENT: Apparent rate of lactate degradation was 2.67 { $\mu\text{mol lactate/mg VSS-hr}$ , est., Fennell}.

This occurred under a thermodynamic ceiling (ave) of -50 kJ/mol lactate fermented (on average) for the 1:1 TISs and -50 kJ/mol for the 2:1 TISs. Delta G critical was set at -19 kJ/mol and the thermo factor was calculated for each condition. There is less lactate-degrader biomass than the total VSS measured. From my biomass estimates the lactate degraders make up 27.4 % for 1:1 TISs and 33.9 % for 2:1 TISs, of the total biomass in the bottle.

The rate that would be observed in the absence of a thermodynamic limit and accounting for the fraction of relevant biomass is:  
rate = apparent rate/(thermo factor\*fraction of relevant VSS).

AVE k = 8.57  $\mu\text{mol/mg lactate VSS-hr}$  Halved for 25C

k\_Lactate\_to\_Propionate = 1.7e-9  
mg\_VSS\_per\_mmol\_VSS = 113.12 { mg VSS/mmol C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>7</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N }

$$\text{Total\_Biomass\_Decay} = (\text{Biomass\_Decay\_Acetotrophs} * \text{Ac\_Methanogens\_mgVSS\_per\_cell} + \text{Biomass\_Decay\_Butyrate\_Fermenters} * \text{Fermenters\_mgVSS\_per\_cell} + \text{Biomass\_Decay\_Dechlorinators} * \text{Dechlorinators\_mgVSS\_per\_cell} + \text{Biomass\_Decay\_Hydrogenotrophic\_Methanogens} * \text{H2\_Methanogens\_mgVSS\_per\_cell}) * \text{Variable\_Endogenous\_Decay} + \text{Const\_End\_Decay} * \text{Constant\_Endogenous\_Decay}$$
 DOCUMENT: Default is 0.005958

$$\text{Variable\_Endogenous\_Decay} = 0$$

#### PROPIONIC ACID

$$\text{Mt\_Propionate}(t) = \text{Mt\_Propionate}(t - dt) + (\text{Propionate\_Production} + \text{Propionic\_Acid\_Feeding} - \text{Day\_4\_Waste\_Propionate} - \text{Propionate\_Fermented\_to\_Acetate}) * dt$$

$$\text{INIT Mt\_Propionate} = \text{Initial\_Propionate} \{ \mu\text{mol} \}$$

DOCUMENT: Reservoir representing propionic acid { $\mu\text{mol}$ }.

#### INFLOWS:

$$\text{Propionate\_Production} =$$

$$\text{fe\_Lactate} * \text{Myth\_Lac\_Fermented\_to\_Propionate} * \text{Propionate\_Formed\_per\_Lactate}$$

DOCUMENT: Propionate production from all donors. Propionate Produced = Sum of {donor fermentation flow \* stoichiometric conversion (Prop/Donor) \* fe}. Where fe is the fraction of the donor that is used for energy.

$$\text{Propionic\_Acid\_Feeding} =$$

$$\text{PULSE}((\text{Pulse\_Value\_Propionic\_Acid} + \text{YE\_Propionate}), \text{Feed\_Pulse\_Time\_Donor}, \text{Feed\_Increment\_Time})$$

DOCUMENT: Pulse input of propionic acid { $\mu\text{mol}$ } beginning at time = 0 hr and occurring every 48 hr thereafter.

#### OUTFLOWS:

$$\text{Day\_4\_Waste\_Propionate} =$$

$$\text{PULSE}(\text{Mt\_Propionate} * \text{Liquid\_Waste\_Rate}, \text{Waste\_Pulse\_Time}, \text{Waste\_Increment\_Time})$$

DOCUMENT: Ten percent (10 mL) of the liquid from the culture is wasted and replaced with 10 mL of fresh basal medium every 4 days (96 hr). This decreases the amount of soluble constituents by 10 percent. Volatile constituents are not affected since they are purged out after each 96 hr period. Units are  $\mu\text{mol}$  every 96 hr.

$$\text{Propionate\_Fermented\_to\_Acetate} =$$

$$(\text{k\_Propionate} * \text{X\_Mt\_Butyrate\_Fermenters} * \text{Cw\_Propionate} * \text{Thermo\_Factor\_Propionate}) / (\text{Ks\_Propionate} + \text{Cw\_Propionate}) \{ \mu\text{mol/hr} \}$$

$$\text{Cw\_Propionate} = \text{Mt\_Propionate} / \text{Vw} \{ \mu\text{mol/L} \}$$



DOCUMENT: Converter to allow reporting of propionic acid as a concentration { $\mu\text{mol/L}$ }.

Feed\_Increment\_Time = 1000 {hr}

DOCUMENT: This is the increment of time {hr} between feedings.

Feed\_Pulse\_Time\_Donor = 0 {hr}

DOCUMENT: The pulse feed time is the time {hr} at which the first feed pulse occurs.

Initial\_Propionate = 1E-20

DOCUMENT: Initial amount of propionate present ( $\mu\text{mol}$ ).

Ks\_Propionate = 11.3

DOCUMENT: Half-velocity coefficient for propionate fermentation. 11.3  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  Fennell, est. 1996. 4x for 25C

k\_Propionate = 4.4e-10 { $\mu\text{mol/cell-hr}$ }

DOCUMENT: Apparent rate of propionate degradation was 0.096 { $\mu\text{mol propionate/mg VSS-hr}$ , est., Fennell}.

This occurred under a thermodynamic ceiling (ave) of -20 kJ/mol propionate fermented (on average) for the 1:1 TISs and -27 kJ/mol for the 2:1 TISs. Delta G critical was set at -19 kJ/mol and the thermo factor was calculated for each condition. There is less propionate-degrader biomass than the total VSS measured. From my biomass estimates the propionate degraders make up 6.2 % for 1:1 TISs and 6.5% for 2:1 TISs, of the total biomass in the bottle.

The rate that would be observed in the absence of a thermodynamic limit and accounting for the fraction of relevant biomass is:

rate = apparent rate/(thermo factor\*fraction of relevant VSS).

AVE k = 2.21  $\mu\text{mol/mg propionate VSS-hr}$  Halved for 25C

Propionate\_Formed\_per\_Lactate = (2/3) { $\mu\text{mol Propionate}/\mu\text{mol Lactate converted to Propionate}$ }

Pulse\_Value\_Propionic\_Acid = 0

DOCUMENT: This is the amount of propionic acid fed { $\mu\text{mol}$ } at each pulse beginning at 0 hr and occurring every 48 hr.

## THERMODYNAMICS

Cw\_Hydrogen\_Ion =  $10^{-\text{pH}}$

delta\_G\_critical\_Butyrates = -19 {kJ/mol butyrates}

DOCUMENT: The maximum value that delta G can acquire that still provides the organism with enough energy to make ATP. Analysis of butyrates data--degradation proceeds at delta G values of -20 kJ/mol butyrates. Arbitrarily used a value 5 % higher.

delta\_G\_critical\_Lactate\_to\_Acetate = -19 {kJ/mol lactate}

DOCUMENT: The maximum value that delta G can acquire that still provides the organism with enough energy to make ATP.

delta\_G\_critical\_Lactate\_to\_Propionate = -19 {kJ/mol lactate}

delta\_G\_critical\_Propionate\_to\_Acetate = -19 {kJ/mol propionate}

DOCUMENT: The maximum value that delta G can acquire that still provides the organism with enough energy to make ATP. Analysis of propionate data--degradation proceeds at delta G values of -20 kJ/mol propionate. Arbitrarily used a value 5 % higher.

delta\_G\_rxn\_Butyrates =

delta\_G\_zero\_Butyrates + (R\*Temp\*LOGN((g\_ionic\_Z1\*Cw\_Hydrogen\_Ion\*(g\_ionic\_Z1\*Cw\_Acetate/1E6)^2\*(g\_H2\*Cw\_H2/1E6)^2)/(g\_ionic\_Z1\*(Cw\_Butyrates+Cw\_Myth\_But)/1E6)))

delta\_G\_rxn\_Lactate\_to\_Acetate =

delta\_G\_zero\_Lactate\_to\_Acetate + R\*Temp\*LOGN((g\_ionic\_Z1\*Cw\_Hydrogen\_Ion\*g\_ionic\_Z1\*Cw\_Bicarbonate\*g\_ionic\_Z1\*Cw\_Acetate/1E6\*(g\_H2\*Cw\_H2/1E6)^2)/(g\_ionic\_Z1\*Cw\_Myth\_Lac/1E6))

delta\_G\_rxn\_Lactate\_to\_Propionate =

delta\_G\_zero\_Lactate\_to\_Propionate + R\*Temp\*LOGN(((g\_ionic\_Z1\*Cw\_Hydrogen\_Ion)^(1/3)\*(g\_ionic\_Z1\*Cw\_Acetate/1E6)^(1/3)\*(g\_ionic\_Z1\*Cw\_Bicarbonate)^(1/3)\*(g\_ionic\_Z1\*Cw\_Propionate/1E6)^(2/3))/(g\_ionic\_Z1\*(Cw\_Myth\_Lac)/1E6))

delta\_G\_rxn\_Propionate =

delta\_G\_zero\_Propionate + R\*Temp\*LOGN((g\_ionic\_Z1\*Cw\_Acetate/1E6\*(g\_H2\*Cw\_H2/1E6)^3\*g\_ionic\_Z1\*Cw\_Hydrogen\_Ion\*g\_ionic\_Z1\*Cw\_Bicarbonate)/(g\_ionic\_Z1\*Cw\_Propionate/1E6))

{kJ/mol}

delta\_G\_zero\_Butyrates = 123.16 {kJ/mol}

DOCUMENT: delta G zero at 35C

delta\_G\_zero\_Lactate\_to\_Acetate = 71.01 {kJ/mol}

DOCUMENT: delta G zero at 35C

delta\_G\_zero\_Lactate\_to\_Propionate = -40.26 {kJ/mol}

DOCUMENT: delta G zero at 35C

delta\_G\_zero\_Propionate = 166.9 {kJ/mol}

DOCUMENT: delta G zero at 35C

one\_minus\_expGRT\_Butyrate = 1-EXP((delta\_G\_rxn\_Butyrate-  
delta\_G\_critical\_Butyrate)/(R\*Temp))

one\_minus\_expGRT\_Lac = 1-EXP((delta\_G\_rxn\_Lactate\_to\_Acetate-  
delta\_G\_critical\_Lactate\_to\_Acetate)/(R\*Temp))

one\_minus\_expGRT\_Lactate\_to\_Propionate = 1-EXP((delta\_G\_rxn\_Lactate\_to\_Propionate-  
delta\_G\_critical\_Lactate\_to\_Propionate)/(R\*Temp))

one\_minus\_expGRT\_Propionate = 1-EXP((delta\_G\_rxn\_Propionate-  
delta\_G\_critical\_Propionate\_to\_Acetate)/(R\*Temp))

Thermo\_Factor\_Butyrate =

IF(one\_minus\_expGRT\_Butyrate>=0)THEN(one\_minus\_expGRT\_Butyrate)ELSE(0)

Thermo\_Factor\_Lactate\_to\_Propionate =

IF(one\_minus\_expGRT\_Lactate\_to\_Propionate>=0)THEN(one\_minus\_expGRT\_Lactate\_to\_Propionate)ELSE(0)

Thermo\_Factor\_Lac\_to\_Acetate =

IF(one\_minus\_expGRT\_Lac>=0)THEN(one\_minus\_expGRT\_Lac)ELSE(0)

Thermo\_Factor\_Propionate =

IF(one\_minus\_expGRT\_Propionate>=0)THEN(one\_minus\_expGRT\_Propionate)ELSE(0.00000001)

#### YEAST EXTRACT

YE\_Acetate = YE\_Addition\_uL\*YE\_HAc\_μmol\_per\_uL {μmol Acetate added by YE}

YE\_Addition\_uL = 100 {mg/L}

DOCUMENT: Designates the mass YE added (mg).

Typically, the following additions were made:

#### YE Addition

as nutrient source (low)      20 mg/L = 2 mg in 100 mL

as donor (high)              200 mg/L = 20 mg in 100 mL

Typical FYE acetate, propionate, butyrate, and reducing equivalents concentrations are entered in the model. These can be changed if other measurements become available.

YE\_Butyrate = YE\_Addition\_uL\*YE\_HBu\_μmol\_per\_uL {μmol butyric acid added from YE}

DOCUMENT: A measurable amount butyric acid is produced when YE is added.

YE\_Propionate = YE\_Addition\_uL\*YE\_Prop\_μmol\_per\_uL {μmol Propionate added by YE}

$YE\_Unknown = YE\_Addition\_uL * (YE\_μeq\_per\_uL -$   
 $Butyrate\_μeq\_per\_μmol * YE\_HBu\_μmol\_per\_uL -$   
 $Propionate\_μeq\_per\_μmol * YE\_Prop\_μmol\_per\_uL)$  {unknown  $μeq$  added from YE}  
 DOCUMENT: This model represents all unaccounted for reducing equivalents added by YE  
 (excluding the reducing equivalents that are added as measurable butyric acid or propionic acid)  
 as going to a "mythical fermentable substrate pool" that is treated with the thermodynamics of  
 both butyrate and lactate, but does not contribute to the measureable pools of those substrates.

In this way, YE Unknown represents a pool of slowly released reducing euivalents donated by  
 FYE that we are unable to completely quantify. Some of this is higher fatty acids, some is  
 probably carbohydrate and protein.

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$Acetate\_Formed\_per\_Butyrate = 2$  { $μmol$  Acetate Formed/ $μmol$  Butyrate Fermented to Acetate}  
 $Acetate\_Formed\_per\_Lactate = 1$  { $μmol$  Acetate formed/ $μmol$  Lactate Fermented to Acetate}  
 $Acetate\_Formed\_per\_Lactate\_to\_Propionate = (1/3)$  {  $μmol$  Acetate formed/ $μmol$  Lactate  
 Fermented to Propionate }  
 $Acetate\_Formed\_per\_Propionate = 1$  { $μmol$  acetate formed/ $μmol$  propionate}  
 $Acetotrophs\_DNA\_Copies\_per\_Cell = 2$   
 DOCUMENT: The number of copies of the 16S gene per cell.

$Acetotrophs\_Initial\_Copies = 1.13e10$  {copies in 100 mL}  
 DOCUMENT: Initial copies of 16S gene in 100 mL of culture.

$Cg\_Total\_Methane = Cg\_Methane\_from\_H2 + Cg\_Methane\_From\_Acetate$   
 $Cw\_Total\_Methane = Cw\_Methane\_From\_H2 + Cw\_Methane\_From\_Acetate$   
 $DHC\_DNA\_Copies\_per\_Cell = 1$   
 DOCUMENT: DHC has one copy of the 16S gene per cell.

$DHC\_Initial\_Copies = 2.73e10$  {copies in 100 mL}  
 DOCUMENT: Initial copies of 16S gene in 100 mL of culture.

$Feed\_Rate\_TCE = 0$   
 DOCUMENT: The rate at which TCE is fed to the microcosm ( $μL/min$ ) beginning at 0 hr until  
 the end of the experiment.

$fe\_Butyrate = 0.9753$   
 DOCUMENT:  $fe$  -- the fraction of the donor butyrate that is used for energy

fe\_Lactate = 0.9482

DOCUMENT: fe -- fraction of lactate used for energy

fe\_Propionate = 0.9818

DOCUMENT: fe -- fraction of propionate used for energy

H2\_per\_Butyrate\_Fermented\_to\_Acetate = 2 {μmol H2/μmol Butyrate Fermented To Acetate}

H2\_per\_Lactate\_Fermented\_to\_Acetate = 2 {μmol H2/μmol Lactate Fermented to Acetate}

H2\_per\_Propionate\_Fermented\_to\_Acetate = 3 {μmol H2/μmol Propionate Fermented to Acetate}

H2\_Threshold\_Term = ((Cw\_H2-H2\_Threshold\_dechlor)/(Ks\_H2\_Dechlor+(Cw\_H2-H2\_Threshold\_dechlor)))

Hydrogenotrophic\_Methanogens\_Initial\_Copies = 6.78e10 {copies in 100 mL}

DOCUMENT: Initial copies of 16S gene in 100 mL of culture.

Initial\_Methane = 0 {μmol/Bottle}

Initial\_X\_Acetotrophs = Acetotrophs\_Initial\_Copies/Acetotrophs\_DNA\_Copies\_per\_Cell {cells}

DOCUMENT: Initial amount of acetotrophic methanogen biomass present {DNA copies}.

Mt\_Total\_Methane = Mt\_Methane\_From\_H2+Mt\_Methane\_From\_Acetate

Neat\_DCE\_Feed\_Rate = 0 {umol/hr}

Neat\_TCE\_Feed\_Rate = 0 {umol/hr}

Saturated\_TCE\_Concentration = 810 {umol/L}

VC\_Inhibition\_Term =

$k_{VC}/(Ks_{VC}*(1+(Cw_{TCE}/KI_{TCE\_on\_VC}+Cw_{DCE}/KI_{DCE\_on\_VC}))+Cw_{VC})$

## APPENDIX II:

### Supporting Information for Chapter 3

#### A2.A. Supporting Tables

**Table A2. 1. mRNA biomarker targets with qPCR primer sequence and annealing temperature**

Strain Targeted	Gene ID	Gene Name	Annotation	Primer Sequence (5'-3')	Annealing temp.	Amplicon length	Reference
All DMC strains	DET_DE16S	16S rRNA	16S ribosomal RNA	GGAGCGTGTGGTTTAATTCGATGC (sense) GCCCAAGATATAAAGGCCATGCTG (anti-sense)	60°C	270 bp	Fung, et al., 2007
<i>Dehalococcoides mccartyi</i> st. 195	DET0110	HupL	[Ni/Fe] hydrogenase, group 1, large subunit (EC:1.12.99.6)	TGACGTTATTGCAGTAGCTGAGT (sense) CACACCATAGCTGAGCAGGTT (anti-sense)	55°C	82 BP	Fung, et al., 2007
All DMC strains except MB	DET1545	1545	Reductive dehalogenase, putative	CGCTGCCGAAGTGGCTGAAA (sense) GTTTTTACCGGAGCGGGGTC (anti-sense)	60°C	144 bp	This study
<i>Dehalococcoides mccartyi</i> st. 195 and FL2	DET0079	TceA	Reductive dehalogenase	TAATATATGCCGCCACGAATGG (sense) AATCGTATACCAAGGCCCGAGG (anti-sense)	60°C	317 bp	Fung, et al., 2007
DMC strains VS and GT <i>Dehalococcoides</i> containing mixed cultures KB-1 and ANAS	DCKB1_96900	VcrA	Reductive dehalogenase	GAAAGCTCAGCCGATGACTC (sense) TGGTTGAGGTAGGGTGAAAG (anti-sense)	60°C	205 bp	Waller, et al., 2005

**Table A2. 2. Long amplicon targets for qPCR standards with primer sequence and annealing temperature**

Organism	Gene ID	Gene Name	Annotation	Primer Sequence	Annealing temp.	Amplicon length	Reference
<i>Dehalococcoides mccartyi</i> st. 195	DET_DE16S	16S rRNA	16S ribosomal RNA	GATGAACGCTAGCGGCG (sense) GGTTGGCACATCGACTTCAA (anti-sense)	50°C	1377 bp	Hendrickson et al., 2002
All DHC strains except MB	DET1545	1545	Reductive dehalogenase, putative	TCAGCCGCGTCCCTGGTG (sense) GGCTTCACCCAGACCGGC (anti-sense)	50°C	823 bp	This study
<i>Dehalococcoides mccartyi</i> st. 195	DET0079	TceA	Reductive dehalogenase	ACGCCAAAGTGCGAAAAGC (sense) TAATCTATTCCATCCTTTCTC (anti-sense)	50°C	1732 bp	He et al., 2003
DMC strains VS and GT <i>Dehalococcoides</i> containing mixed cultures KB-1 and ANAS	DCKB1_9690 0	VcrA	Reductive dehalogenase	CTATGAAGGCCCTCCAGATGC (sense) GTAACAGCCCCAATATGCCAAGTA (anti-sense)	50°C	1482 bp	Muller et al., 2004

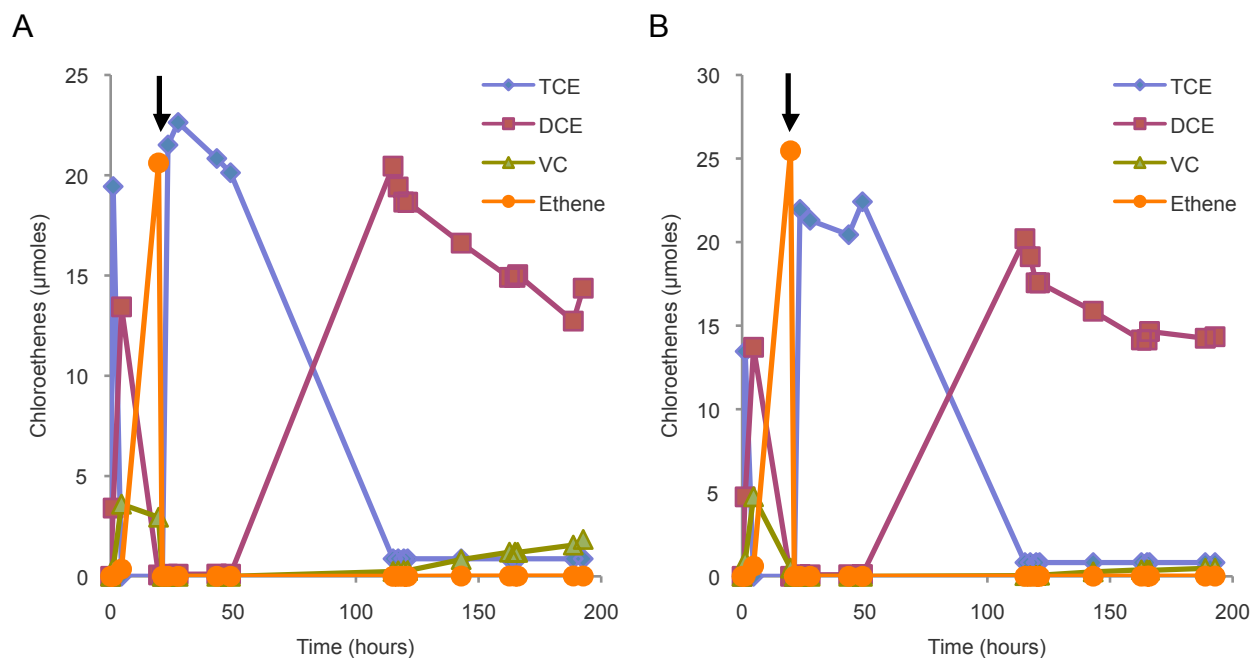
**Table A2. 3. 1545 peptides detected in KB-1<sup>TM</sup> culture sample and the DMC strain homologs that they match. Peptides highlighted in orange are specific for the Pinellas Group, peptides highlighted in green are specific for the Cornell Group.**

Peptide No.	Peptide Sequence	Spectral Count in KB-1 <sup>TM</sup> Culture	Cornell Group DMC195	Victoria Group VS	Pinellas Group CBDB1, GT, KB-1 Mixed Culture	FL2
13	IPLFNTYFYK	2			X	X
27	NIPLFNTYFYK	2			X	X
28	NVSLFNTYFYK	2	X			
26	NIPLFNTYFY	1			X	X
10	GTIANIPLFNTYFYK	6			X	X
9	GTIANIPLFNTY	3			X	X
14	LPLETHPIDAGIYR	1	X	X	X	X
21	LYGVLTDLPLETHPIDAGIYR	11	X	X	X	X
20	LYGVLTDLPLETHPIDAGIY	2	X	X	X	X
19	LYGVLTDLPLETHPID	1	X	X	X	X
37	TPEYGAPGR	2	X	X	X	X
36	TLTPEYGAPGRLYGVL	1	X	X	X	X
45	YTLTPEYGAPGR	2	X	X	X	X
25	LYTLTPEYGAPGRLYGVLTD	3	X	X	X	X
24	LYTLTPEYGAPGRLYGVL	1	X	X	X	X
23	LYTLTPEYGAPGRLY	1	X	X	X	X
22	LYTLTPEYGAPGR	1	X	X	X	X
30	QKLYTLTPEYGAPGR	5	X	X	X	X
46	YVGSEGGAAIMAGLGEASR	268	X	X	X	X
12	IGTIGNDARYVGSEGGAAIMAGLGEASR	5	X		X	X
31	QLIGTIGNDAR	1	X		X	X
44	YLG YQLIGTIGNDAR	136	X		X	X
32	SAGTLLGGMANGNTFYN	1			X	X
34	STQGSNELWR	1	X	X	X	X
15	LSTQGSNELWR	1	X	X	X	
11	IALSTQGSNELWR	1	X	X	X	
18	LVIPNVPLWEIALSTQGSNELWR	3	X	X	X	
17	LVIPNVPLWEIALSTQ	1	X	X	X	
16	LVIPNVPLWEIAL	1	X	X	X	
29	PIVFENVPK	1			X	X
43	YIGTTIPVTAARPIVFE	1			X	X
42	YIGTTIPVTAARPIVF	1			X	X
41	WTGTPEEASR	5	X		X	X
40	VSQGTSPGWAETK	2		X	X	
33	SNYPGYTYR	1	X	X	X	X
35	TASNYPGYTYR	12	X	X	X	X
5	ALSAAELAERTASNYPGYTYR	1	X	X	X	X
4	ALSAAELAER	7	X	X	X	X
2	AALSAAELAER	1	X	X	X	X
1	AAALSAAELAER	2	X	X	X	X

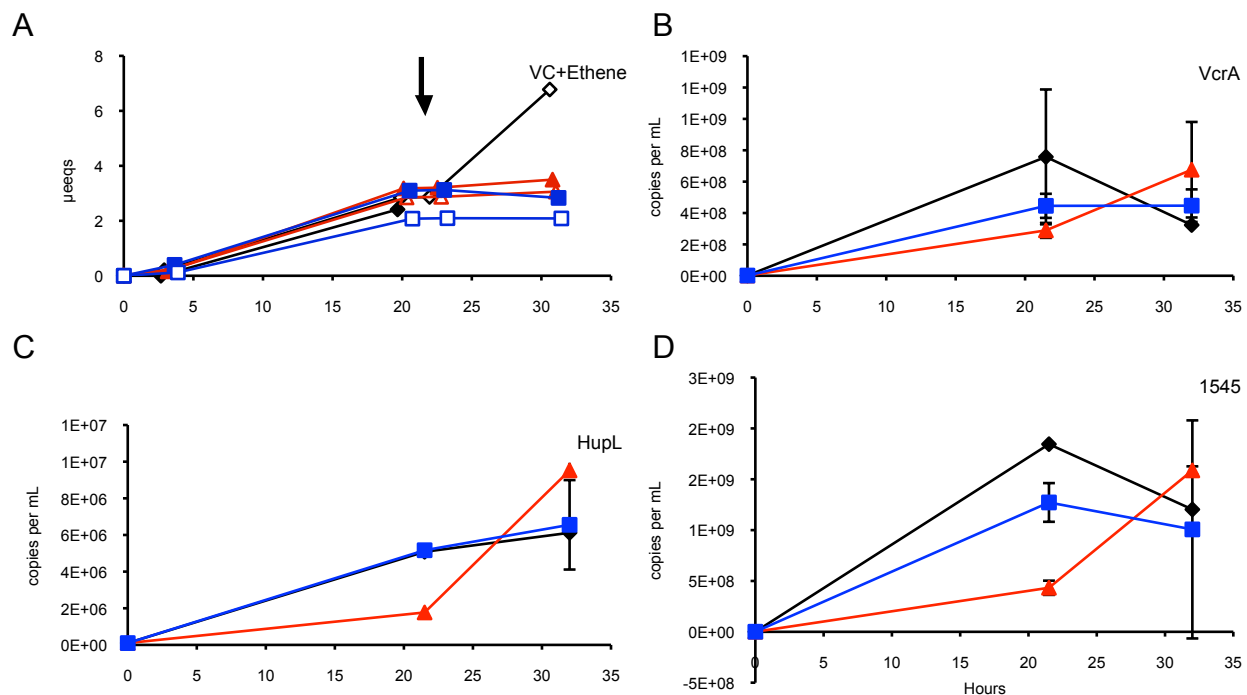


8	GAAALSAAELAER	5	X	X	X	X
39	VLGAAALSAAELAERTASNYPGYTYR	14	X	X	X	X
38	VLGAAALSAAELAER	38	X	X	X	X
3	AIYYGADR	1		X	X	X
7	ERPIDDPTIEVDF	1	X	X	X	X
6	DTAVQPRPWVK	4	X	X	X	X

## A2.B. Supporting Figures

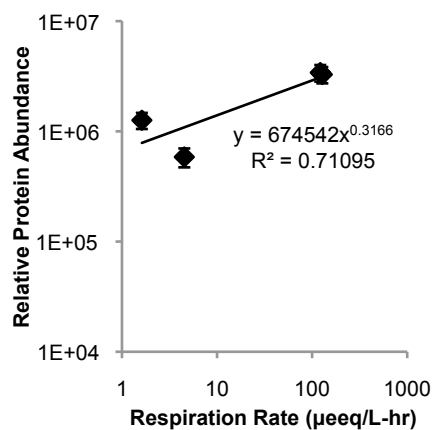


**Figure A2. 1. Timecourses of chloroethene data for stressed bottles C1 (A) and C2 (B). The arrow indicates when the bottles were purged, TCE re-fed, and the oxygen was added.**

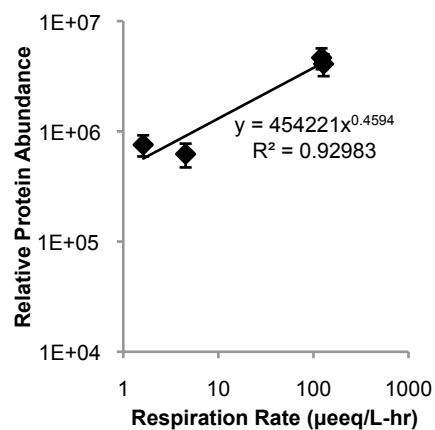


**Figure A2. 2. Timecourses of metabolite and mRNA concentrations for specific targets in acid stress experiments. The control is in black, and the stressed bottles are in red (sacrificed ~12 hours after stress) and blue (sacrificed at end of the experiment). The arrow indicates when the stress was added. Error bars represent standard error of duplicate reactors.**

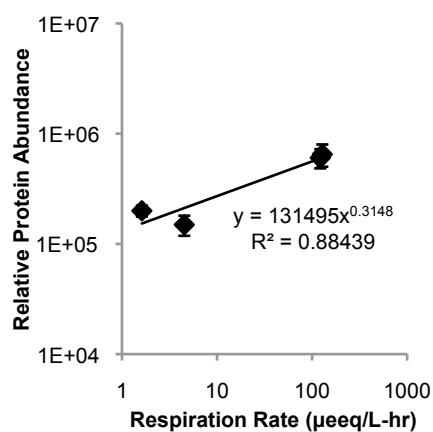
A HupL



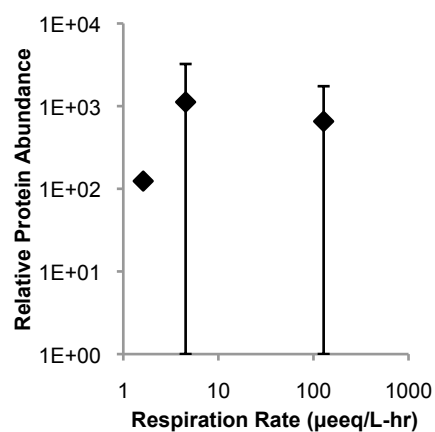
B VcrA



C 1545 RDase



D TceA



**Figure A2. 3. Relative protein abundance vs. steady-state respiration rates (μeq/L-hr): hydrogenase HupL (A); and reductive dehalogenases VcrA (B), 1545 (C), and TceA (D) for the KB-1 culture. The relative protein abundance is measured as TMT ion intensity. Error bars represent standard deviations of detected homologs. Power trend lines are displayed where appropriate. Note different scale in for TceA (D).**

# APPENDIX III:

## Supporting Information for Chapter 4

### A3.A. Supporting Tables

**Table A3. 1. mRNA biomarker and long amplicon targets with primer sequence and annealing temperature.**

Organism	Gene ID	Gene Name	Annotation	Primer Sequence	Annealing temp.	Amplicon length	Reference
<i>Dehalococcoides mccartyi</i> st. 195	DET1559	1559	Reductive dehalogenase, putative	CAATTAAAGTGGGTGGTTGGGCTG (sense) ATCTGTGCCCATATCATCTTGCGG (anti-sense)	60°C	241 bp	Fung, et al., 2007
DMC st. BAV1 and KB-1 Mixed Culture	BAV1_0847	BvcA	Reductive dehalogenase	AAAAGCACTTGGCTATCAAGGAC (sense) CCAAAAGCACCACCAGGTC (anti-sense)	60°C	92 bp	Ritalahti, et al., 2006
DMC st. BAV1 and KB-1 Mixed Culture	BAV1_0847	BvcA	Reductive dehalogenase	TGCCTCAAGTACAGGTGGT (sense) ATTGTGGAGGACCTACCT (anti-sense)	50°C	838 bp	Muller et al., 2004

Table A3.2. Proteins detected in field samples, but not in KB-1 culture sample that were identified as part of the KB-1 metagenome

Protein ID	Description	Spectral Counts				NSAF			
		PM2A2	EW1	O-BH9-A1	O-BH10-A1	PM2A2	EW1	O-BH9-A1	O-BH10-A1
2013915854	Inorganic pyrophosphatase( EC:3.6.1.1 )	3	1	5	1	0.00270055	0.00152288	0.00096784	0.00043616
2013887565	Predicted metal-dependent hydrolase of the TIM-barrel fold	1	1	1	0	0.00083975	0.00142064	0.00018057	0
2013921552	ATP synthase F1 subcomplex alpha subunit	1	0	2	1	0.00432088	0	0.00185826	0.00209355
2013897406	Uncharacterized conserved protein	1	0	7	4	0.00126409	0	0.00190274	0.00244989
2013889415	Formate-tetrahydrofolate ligase (EC 6.3.4.3)	1	0	6	1	0.00093932	0	0.00121191	0.00045512
2013907866	DNA-directed RNA polymerase, beta' subunit/160 kD subunit	1	0	1	1	0.00083094	0	0.00017868	0.00040261
2013890743	DNA-directed RNA polymerase subunit beta' ( EC 2.7.7.6)( EC:2.7.7.6 )	1	0	1	1	0.00077159	0	0.00016592	0.00037385
2013904178	DNA-directed RNA polymerase subunit beta' (EC 2.7.7.6)	1	0	1	1	0.00064931	0	0.00013962	0.0003146
2013889773	DNA-directed RNA polymerase subunit beta' (EC 2.7.7.6)( EC:2.7.7.6 )	1	0	1	1	0.00060317	0	0.0001297	0.00029225
2013890583	Formate-tetrahydrofolate ligase (EC 6.3.4.3)( EC:6.3.4.3 )	1	0	8	1	0.00039281	0	0.00067573	0.00019032
2013901217	DNA-directed RNA polymerase subunit beta' (EC 2.7.7.6)( EC:2.7.7.6 )	1	0	1	1	0.00021333	0	4.5873E-05	0.00010336
2013901240	SSU ribosomal protein S19P	1	1	0	0	0.00282915	0.0047862	0	0
2013927386	DNA-directed RNA polymerase, alpha subunit/40 kD subunit	1	1	0	0	0.00203118	0.00343625	0	0
2013914702	hypothetical protein	1	1	0	0	0.00118233	0.00200021	0	0
2013894518	2-isopropylmalate synthase (EC 2.3.3.13)	1	1	0	0	0.00105622	0.00178685	0	0
2013907806	Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase/erythrose-4-phosphate dehydrogenase( EC:1.2.1.59 )	1	1	0	0	0.00101127	0.00171081	0	0
2013921549	ATP synthase F1 subcomplex alpha subunit ( EC:3.6.3.14 )	2	0	2	0	0.00300821	0	0.00064686	0
2013917586	glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (EC 1.2.1.12)	1	0	1	0	0.00144029	0	0.00030971	0
2013893216	glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (EC 1.2.1.12)	1	0	1	0	0.00123775	0	0.00026616	0
2013897390	Dihydropteroate synthase (EC 2.5.1.15)( EC:2.5.1.15 )	1	0	1	0	0.00084272	0	0.00018121	0
2013892646	glutamate dehydrogenase (NADP) (EC 1.4.1.4)	1	0	3	0	0.0007031	0	0.00045357	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0466	hypothetical protein	0	0	20	12	0	0	0.02044082	0.02763481
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0757	Uncharacterized conserved protein	0	0	17	14	0	0	0.00998546	0.01852909
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1396	hypothetical protein	0	0	30	33	0	0	0.00934793	0.02316943
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0767	Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein (MCP) signaling domain.	0	0	9	2	0	0	0.00766531	0.00383817
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0984	hypothetical protein	0	0	10	3	0	0	0.00681361	0.0046058
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0691	hypothetical protein	0	0	7	1	0	0	0.00638776	0.00205616
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0679	hypothetical protein	0	0	8	2	0	0	0.00498557	0.00280842
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1419	ABC-type dipeptide/oligopeptide/nickel transport systems, permease components	0	0	24	17	0	0	0.00402114	0.00641792
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0756	Predicted flavin-nucleotide-binding protein structurally related to pyridoxine 5'-phosphate oxidase	0	0	10	2	0	0	0.00381359	0.00171858
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1110	hydrogenase accessory protein HypB	0	0	16	9	0	0	0.00375061	0.00475369
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0844	hypothetical protein	0	0	3	2	0	0	0.0034068	0.00511756
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0313	hypothetical protein	0	0	14	9	0	0	0.00292012	0.00422982
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0104	hypothetical protein	0	0	7	4	0	0	0.00248413	0.00319847
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0069	Superfamily II DNA and RNA helicases( EC:3.6.4.13 )	0	0	6	7	0	0	0.0024529	0.00644812
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0649	hypothetical protein	0	0	2	3	0	0	0.00243343	0.00822465
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0607	hypothetical protein	0	0	8	3	0	0	0.00222183	0.00187736
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0281	phenylacetate-CoA ligase (EC 6.2.1.30)( EC:6.2.1.30 )	0	0	10	4	0	0	0.00211165	0.00190322
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1477	Uncharacterized conserved protein	0	0	10	9	0	0	0.00198841	0.00403232
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0713	Glutamate decarboxylase and related PLP-dependent proteins( EC:4.1.1.25 )	0	0	8	1	0	0	0.00197496	0.00055626
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0252	Osmosensitive K+ channel histidine kinase	0	0	5	4	0	0	0.00182507	0.00328986
2013897235	phosphate-binding protein	0	0	10	4	0	0	0.00179937	0.00162176
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1184	hypothetical protein	0	0	8	3	0	0	0.00174708	0.00147622
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1434	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	1	0	0	0.00164845	0.00371436
2013918649	Inorganic pyrophosphatase	0	0	7	5	0	0	0.00149671	0.00240889
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1343	Uncharacterized membrane protein	0	0	5	2	0	0	0.00138114	0.00124481
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0477	6,7-dimethyl-8-ribityllumazine synthase (EC 2.5.1.9) ( EC:2.5.1.- )	0	0	1	1	0	0	0.00127755	0.00287863
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0978	nucleotidyltransferase( EC:5.4.2.8 )	0	0	3	3	0	0	0.00125661	0.00283144
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1243	Iron-sulfur cluster assembly accessory protein	0	0	3	2	0	0	0.00124639	0.00187228
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1275	hypothetical protein	0	0	2	1	0	0	0.00114836	0.00129376
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0678	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	1	0	0	0.00111091	0.00250315
2013897691	Inorganic pyrophosphatase( EC:3.6.1.1 )	0	0	12	7	0	0	0.00110094	0.00144707
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0114	Uncharacterized conserved protein	0	0	3	1	0	0	0.001002	0.00075258
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1389	Predicted membrane protein	0	0	5	5	0	0	0.00089028	0.00200601
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0253	PAS/PAC sensor hybrid histidine kinase (EC 2.7.3.-)	0	0	1	1	0	0	0.00081114	0.0018277
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0072	hypothetical protein	0	0	2	1	0	0	0.00079847	0.00089957
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1120	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	2	0	0	0.0007515	0.00338662
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0481	4Fe-4S binding domain.	0	0	1	1	0	0	0.00069057	0.00155601

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Dehalococcoides_KB1_gi14766967	DNA polymerase III, beta subunit (EC 2.7.7.7)( EC:2.7.7.7 )	0	0	4	3	0	0	0.00068593	0.00115918
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1441	hypothetical protein	0	0	2	1	0	0	0.00067685	0.00076255
2013924844	ATP synthase F1 subcomplex beta subunit ( EC:3.6.3.14 )	0	0	3	2	0	0	0.00065797	0.00098837
2013890641	vacuolar-type H(+)-translocating pyrophosphatase	0	0	9	2	0	0	0.0006496	0.00032527
2013907225	glucose-6-phosphate isomerase (EC 5.3.1.9)( EC:5.3.1.9 )	0	0	3	1	0	0	0.00064145	0.00048178
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0380	Nitroreductase	0	0	2	1	0	0	0.00058402	0.00065797
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0464	Phage terminase-like protein, large subunit	0	0	4	3	0	0	0.00057906	0.00097857
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1099	Methylase involved in ubiquinone/menaquinone biosynthesis	0	0	3	1	0	0	0.00055146	0.00041419
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1163	ABC-type dipeptide transport system, periplasmic component	0	0	6	2	0	0	0.00055146	0.00041419
2013926526	ABC-type branched-chain amino acid transport systems, periplasmic component	0	0	2	3	0	0	0.0005351	0.00180856
2013902062	vacuolar-type H(+)-translocating pyrophosphatase( EC:3.6.1.1 )	0	0	7	5	0	0	0.00052145	0.00083925
2013909265	FOG: Ankyrin repeat	0	0	2	1	0	0	0.00050596	0.00057002
2013918220	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	1	0	0	0.00050596	0.00114005
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1502	Superfamily II DNA/RNA helicases, SNF2 family	0	0	9	6	0	0	0.00048058	0.00072191
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0289	hypothetical protein( EC:6.2.1.20,EC:2.3.1.40 )	0	0	1	1	0	0	0.00044826	0.00101004
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0545	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	1	0	0	0.00043677	0.00098415
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1235	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	1	0	0	0.00041546	0.00093614
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1167	Predicted transcriptional regulator	0	0	2	1	0	0	0.00035243	0.00039705
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0398	RepB plasmid partitioning protein.	0	0	2	1	0	0	0.00034412	0.00038769
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0051	Predicted secreted protein	0	0	1	1	0	0	0.00034068	0.00076763
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1344	translation elongation factor 2 (EF-2/EF-G)	0	0	4	2	0	0	0.00029928	0.00033717
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0598	ATPase, PiIT family	0	0	2	2	0	0	0.00028629	0.00064507
2013919419	Predicted alternative tryptophan synthase beta-subunit (paralog of TrpB)( EC:4.2.1.20 )	0	0	1	1	0	0	0.0002839	0.00063969
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0982	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	1	0	0	0.00027623	0.00062241
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0861	ribonuclease III, bacterial( EC:3.1.26.3 )	0	0	1	2	0	0	0.00026478	0.00119321
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1004	Calcineurin-like phosphoesterase.	0	0	1	1	0	0	0.00023768	0.00053556
2013889522	Flagellin and related hook-associated proteins	0	0	1	2	0	0	0.00023019	0.00103734
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0930	CO dehydrogenase/acetyl-CoA synthase complex, beta subunit( EC:1.2.7.4 )	0	0	2	4	0	0	0.00021426	0.00096558
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0958	Type I restriction-modification system methyltransferase subunit	0	0	3	3	0	0	0.00019884	0.00044804
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1028	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	1	0	0	0.00017501	0.00039433
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0126	Zn-dependent oligopeptidases	0	0	1	2	0	0	0.00016327	0.00073575
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1288	transposase, IS4 family	0	0	1	1	0	0	0.0001558	0.00035105
2013894233	pilus retraction protein PIIT	0	0	1	1	0	0	0.00014274	0.00032163
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0290	L-serine deaminase	0	0	1	1	0	0	0.00013924	0.00031375
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0531	CRISPR-associated helicase Cas3/CRISPR-associated HD domain protein	0	0	2	1	0	0	0.00013924	0.00015687
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0254	Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein	0	0	1	2	0	0	0.00012525	0.00056444
2013898331	transcription termination factor Rho	0	0	1	1	0	0	0.0001194	0.00026903
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1003	MiaB-like tRNA modifying enzyme YliG, TIGR01125	0	0	1	2	0	0	0.00011667	0.00052578
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0520	NAD-dependent aldehyde dehydrogenases	0	0	1	1	0	0	0.00010668	0.00024039
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1418	ABC-type oligopeptide transport system, periplasmic component	0	0	1	2	0	0	9.1581E-05	0.00041271
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0648	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	2	0	0	6.9057E-05	0.0003112
2013897455	Cation/multidrug efflux pump	0	0	1	1	0	0	5.0898E-05	0.00011469
2013894190	SSU ribosomal protein S19P	1	0	0	0	0.00267021	0	0	0
2013890390	SSU ribosomal protein S19P	1	0	0	0	0.00258313	0	0	0
2013894970	RecA protein	1	0	0	0	0.00224197	0	0	0
2013888949	ribosomal subunit interface protein	1	0	0	0	0.00218026	0	0	0
2013890439	Excinuclease ABC subunit C	1	0	0	0	0.00214098	0	0	0
2013910571	Pyruvate:ferredoxin oxidoreductase and related 2-oxoacid:ferredoxin oxidoreductases, alpha subunit( EC:1.2.7.3 )	1	0	0	0	0.00214098	0	0	0
2013892817	LSU ribosomal protein L14P	1	0	0	0	0.00210308	0	0	0
2013919529	RecA protein	1	0	0	0	0.00199705	0	0	0
2013921384	dTDP-glucose pyrophosphorylase	1	0	0	0	0.00199705	0	0	0
2013918285	Regulator of polyketide synthase expression	1	0	0	0	0.00172209	0	0	0
2013908996	ATP-dependent Lon protease, bacterial type	1	0	0	0	0.00154317	0	0	0
2013898022	2-methylthioadenine synthetase( EC:1.3.1.74 )	1	0	0	0	0.00144908	0	0	0
2013890404	membrane protease FtsH catalytic subunit (EC 3.4.24.-)( EC:3.4.24.- )	1	0	0	0	0.00139793	0	0	0
2013910401	Predicted oxidoreductases of the aldo/keto reductase family	1	0	0	0	0.00138168	0	0	0
2013892367	Uncharacterized conserved protein	1	0	0	0	0.00127768	0	0	0
2013906296	hypothetical protein	1	0	0	0	0.00126409	0	0	0
2013890368	ATP:corrinoid adenosyltransferase( EC:2.5.1.17 )	1	0	0	0	0.00109013	0	0	0

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2013924473	DNA-directed RNA polymerase subunit beta (EC 2.7.7.6)	1	0	0	0	0.00104232	0	0	0
2013901027	hypothetical protein	1	0	0	0	0.0009902	0	0	0
2013913368	Serine/threonine protein kinase	1	0	0	0	0.00095059	0	0	0
2013903685	Transcriptional regulator	1	0	0	0	0.00090361	0	0	0
2013905808	membrane protease FtsH catalytic subunit (EC 3.4.24.-)( EC:3.4.24.- )	2	0	0	0	0.00090189	0	0	0
2013888745	hypothetical protein	1	0	0	0	0.00088675	0	0	0
2013892796	Predicted kinase( EC:2.7.1.100 )	1	0	0	0	0.00087051	0	0	0
2013890331	conserved hypothetical protein	1	0	0	0	0.00073804	0	0	0
2013890277	hexulose-6-phosphate synthase (EC 4.1.2.-)( EC:4.3.- )	1	0	0	0	0.00069084	0	0	0
2013905466	hypothetical protein	1	0	0	0	0.00051107	0	0	0
2013893913	LVIVD repeat.	1	0	0	0	0.00038959	0	0	0
2013902394	chromosome segregation protein SMC, common bacterial type	1	0	0	0	0.00019624	0	0	0
2013913624	hypothetical protein( EC:2.4.1.1 )	0	1	0	0	0	0.00893425	0	0
2013898280	Propanediol dehydratase, large subunit	0	1	0	0	0	0.00502552	0	0
2013914672	hypothetical protein	0	2	0	0	0	0.00434639	0	0
2013892803	hypothetical protein	0	1	0	0	0	0.00358965	0	0
2013920411	LSU ribosomal protein L12P	0	1	0	0	0	0.00321633	0	0
2013919925	3-dehydroquinate dehydratase	0	1	0	0	0	0.00289238	0	0
2013913325	prepilin-type N-terminal cleavage/methylation domain	0	1	0	0	0	0.00275371	0	0
2013888664	hypothetical protein	0	1	0	0	0	0.00259381	0	0
2013908070	DNA polymerase III, delta subunit	0	1	0	0	0	0.00257719	0	0
2013895369	Ethanolamine utilization protein	0	1	0	0	0	0.00243661	0	0
2013898572	Threonyl-tRNA synthetase( EC:6.1.1.3 )	0	1	0	0	0	0.00229738	0	0
2013886535	Sugar kinases, ribokinase family( EC:2.7.1.45 )	0	1	0	0	0	0.00227142	0	0
2013910907	hypothetical protein	0	1	0	0	0	0.0021732	0	0
2013924136	Response regulator containing CheY-like receiver, AAA-type ATPase, and DNA-binding domains	0	1	0	0	0	0.0021732	0	0
2013924272	hypothetical protein	0	1	0	0	0	0.00209396	0	0
2013909693	Methionyl-tRNA synthetase	0	1	0	0	0	0.0018613	0	0
2013921260	nitrate oxidoreductase alpha subunit( EC:1.7.99.4 )	0	1	0	0	0	0.0016277	0	0
2013899303	Phytoene dehydrogenase and related proteins( EC:1.3.99.23 )	0	1	0	0	0	0.00156436	0	0
2013910033	ABC-type Fe3+ transport system, permease component	0	1	0	0	0	0.00155228	0	0
2013904102	hypothetical protein	0	1	0	0	0	0.00134014	0	0
2013887109	Uncharacterized conserved protein	0	1	0	0	0	0.00124087	0	0
2013889455	Predicted oxidoreductases (related to aryl-alcohol dehydrogenases)	0	1	0	0	0	0.00122574	0	0
2013892141	hypothetical protein	0	1	0	0	0	0.00094598	0	0
2013894585	Uncharacterized conserved protein	0	1	0	0	0	0.00080088	0	0
2013891234	formylmethanofuran dehydrogenase, subunit A (EC 1.2.99.5)( EC:1.2.99.5 )	0	1	0	0	0	0.00070164	0	0
2013922320	Inorganic pyrophosphatase	0	0	4	0	0	0	0.00163527	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0547	hypothetical protein	0	0	3	0	0	0	0.00148841	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0390	hypothetical protein	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.0014195	0
2013903984	transcriptional regulator, AsnC family	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00134479	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1384	Fe2+/Zn2+ uptake regulation proteins	0	0	3	0	0	0	0.0011356	0
2013906972	Bacterial regulatory proteins, crp family.	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00108728	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0381	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00108728	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0532	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00088107	0
2013897737	Anti-anti-sigma regulatory factor (antagonist of anti-sigma factor)	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00087354	0
2013924355	translation elongation factor 1A (EF-1A/EF-Tu)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0008517	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0568	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00082423	0
2013916922	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00074061	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0149	ABC-type tungstate transport system, periplasmic component	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00074061	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0718	Kef-type K+ transport system, predicted NAD-binding component	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00074061	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0546	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00070003	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0732	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00065515	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0693	Uncharacterized conserved protein	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00063089	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0248	2-polyphenylphenol hydroxylase and related flavodoxin oxidoreductases	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00062702	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0124	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00061569	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0288	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00061569	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1285	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00061569	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0603	Predicted nucleotidyltransferases	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00060476	0

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Dehalococcoides_KB1_0634	adenine phosphoribosyltransferase (EC 2.4.2.7)( EC:2.4.2.7 )	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00059768	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0294	( tRNA )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00059421	0
2013896961	SSU ribosomal protein S15P	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00058738	0
2013925736	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00058071	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0967	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00057418	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1251	Membrane-associated phospholipid phosphatase	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00057097	0
2013926064	Uncharacterized anaerobic dehydrogenase	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00056156	0
2013926954	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00056156	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0909	Uncharacterized protein conserved in archaea	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00054948	0
2013917932	Bacterial nucleoid DNA-binding protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00053792	0
2013901364	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00053231	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0755	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00052683	0
2013891002	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00052145	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0265	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00051618	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0605	hypothetical protein	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00049856	0
2013909812	translation elongation factor P (EF-P)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00047759	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0428	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00047759	0
2013921870	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00047317	0
2013892533	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00044826	0
2013919981	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00043864	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0492	transcriptional regulator, MarR family	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00042943	0
2013918440	osmosensitive K+ channel signal transduction histidine kinase (EC 2.7.3.-)( EC:2.7.13.3 )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00042233	0
2013924817	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00041716	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0843	Membrane-bound serine protease (ClpP class)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00040557	0
2013896217	fructose-bisphosphate aldolase (EC 4.1.2.13)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00039614	0
2013910658	ribosomal protein S3, bacterial type	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00039614	0
2013916826	Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00039461	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0537	Uncharacterized conserved protein, contains double-stranded beta-helix domain	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00039309	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1166	camphor resistance protein CrcB	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00039309	0
2013925418	ABC-type spermidine/putrescine transport systems, ATPase components( EC:3.6.3.30 )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00039009	0
2013919291	SSU ribosomal protein S2P	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00038714	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1442	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00038136	0
2013896780	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00037853	0
2013905159	Formate-tetrahydrofolate ligase (EC 6.3.4.3)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00037575	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1031	( tRNA )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00037575	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0752	Uncharacterized protein conserved in archaea	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0003703	0
2013891098	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00036243	0
2013911992	L-lysine 2,3-aminomutase (EC 5.4.3.2)( EC:5.4.3.2 )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00036243	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_gi14766871	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00036243	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0658	cytochrome c-type biogenesis protein CcsB	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00036115	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0476	Pyruvate decarboxylase and related thiamine pyrophosphate-requiring enzymes( EC:4.1.1.74 )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00035001	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0121	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00032549	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0599	Divergent AAA domain.	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00032039	0
2013922125	Excinuclease ABC subunit A	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00031939	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0518	PAS fold.	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00031939	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0635	RNA polymerase, sigma 38 subunit, RpoS	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00031939	0
2013900081	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0003174	0
2013908081	Nucleoside-diphosphate-sugar epimerases	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0003174	0
2013910540	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0003174	0
2013904811	Signal transduction histidine kinase( EC:2.7.13.3 )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00031544	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0556	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00031544	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0957	Dual specificity phosphatase, catalytic domain.	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00031544	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1478	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00031351	0
2013919004	SSU ribosomal protein S2P	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0003116	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0436	Methylase involved in ubiquinone/menaquinone biosynthesis	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0003116	0
2013907314	Adenylosuccinate lyase	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00030784	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0513	Predicted Fe-S oxidoreductase	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00030784	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0606	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00030784	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1096	IMP cyclohydrolase (EC 3.5.4.10)/phosphoribosylaminoimidazolecarboxamide formyltransferase (EC 2.1.2.3)( EC:3.5.4.10,EC:2.1.2.3 )	0	0	3	0	0	0	0.00029884	0



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2013913035	dephospho-CoA kinase( EC:2.7.1.24 )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00029369	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0859	hypothetical protein( EC:1.- )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00029201	0
2013896939	LSU ribosomal protein L10P	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00029035	0
2013922871	bacterial translation initiation factor 2 (bIF-2)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00028871	0
2013897736	Adenylate kinase and related kinases	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00028233	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1393	cob(I)yrinic acid a,c-diamide adenosyltransferase (EC 2.5.1.17)( EC:2.5.1.17 )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00028078	0
2013926981	Long-chain acyl-CoA synthetases (AMP-forming)( EC:6.2.1.3 )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00027327	0
2013920505	Na <sup>+</sup> -transporting NADH:ubiquinone oxidoreductase, subunit NqrC( EC:1.6.5.- )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00027182	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0400	Cysteine sulfinate desulfinate/cysteine desulfurase and related enzymes( EC:2.8.1.7 )	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.0002711	0
2013903325	Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00026896	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1398	Predicted membrane protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00026896	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0644	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00026616	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0979	nucleotidyltransferase( EC:5.4.2.8 )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00026478	0
2013902483	bacterial translation initiation factor 2 (bIF-2)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00026341	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0383	exodeoxyribonuclease III (xth)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00026341	0
2013919343	ketoisovalerate ferredoxin oxidoreductase, alpha subunit (EC 1.2.7.7)( EC:1.2.7.7,EC:1.2.7.1 )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00026072	0
2013899885	Signal transduction histidine kinase	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0002594	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0925	hexulose-6-phosphate isomerase (EC 5.-.-.-)( EC:5.3.1.27 )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00025679	0
2013922809	ATPases with chaperone activity, ATP-binding subunit	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00025551	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1030	HD-GYP domain	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00025551	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1190	Methylase of chemotaxis methyl-accepting proteins	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00025298	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1240	( tRNA )	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00025112	0
2013902564	Chemotaxis protein CheC, inhibitor of MCP methylation( EC:2.7.13.3 )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0002505	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1366	riboflavin synthase, alpha subunit	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00024928	0
2013909306	Adenylate kinase (EC 2.7.4.3)( EC:2.7.4.3 )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00024687	0
2013911334	Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00024451	0
2013912791	succinyl-CoA synthetase (ADP-forming) alpha subunit (EC 6.2.1.5)( EC:6.2.1.5 )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00024334	0
2013915885	Predicted hydrocarbon binding protein (contains V4R domain)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00024334	0
2013920114	Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00024334	0
2013889373	Predicted EndoIII-related endonuclease	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00024219	0
2013892724	Uncharacterized conserved protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00024219	0
2013902429	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00024105	0
2013924856	Acyl-CoA dehydrogenases	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00024105	0
2013898891	transaldolase (EC 2.2.1.2)( EC:2.2.1.2 )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00023768	0
2013925970	Adenylate kinase (EC 2.7.4.3)( EC:2.7.4.6 )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00023768	0
2013906802	rod shape-determining protein MreB	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00022813	0
2013916436	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00022712	0
2013897935	Response regulators consisting of a CheY-like receiver domain and a winged-helix DNA-binding domain	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00022512	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1556	( tRNA )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00022413	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0642	PAS domain S-box	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00022315	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0838	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00022122	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1241	( tRNA )	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00022122	0
2013892303	conserved hypothetical protein TIGR00266	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00021932	0
2013905952	Preprotein translocase subunit SecD	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00021932	0
2013891361	Acetyl-CoA carboxylase, carboxyltransferase component (subunits alpha and beta)( EC:6.4.1.3 )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00021117	0
2013892577	5'-nucleotidase/2',3'-cyclic phosphodiesterase and related esterases	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0002103	0
2013920436	Pyruvate:ferredoxin oxidoreductase and related 2-oxoacid:ferredoxin oxidoreductases, beta subunit( EC:1.2.7.- )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00020858	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0708	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00020689	0
2013894937	Inorganic pyrophosphatase( EC:3.6.1.1 )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00020606	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0943	TrkA-C domain.	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00020606	0
2013888407	phosphomethylpyrimidine kinase/thiamine-phosphate pyrophosphorylase( EC:2.7.4.7,EC:2.7.1.49 )	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00020564	0
2013905077	Long-chain acyl-CoA synthetases (AMP-forming)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00020279	0
2013895251	Predicted phage phi-C31 gp36 major capsid-like protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0002004	0
2013919189	pilus retraction protein PilT	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00019962	0
2013900813	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00019731	0
2013913570	ATPases with chaperone activity, ATP-binding subunit	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00019357	0
2013892255	Predicted sugar kinase( EC:2.7.1.23 )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00019139	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1338	HAD-superfamily hydrolase, subfamily IIB	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00018857	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1439	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00018788	0

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2013898537	AraC-type DNA-binding domain-containing proteins	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00018719	0
2013920006	Histidinol-phosphate/aromatic aminotransferase and cobyric acid decarboxylase	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00018719	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0517	molybdopterin molybdochelatase	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00017931	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0591	Histidine kinase-, DNA gyrase B-, and HSP90-like ATPase.	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00017561	0
2013888472	porphobilinogen synthase (EC 4.2.1.24)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00017091	0
2013887775	tyrosine recombinase XerD subunit	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00016921	0
2013895260	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.000167	0
2013893825	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00016327	0
2013896388	ABC-type Fe3+-siderophore transport system, permease component	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00016223	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0699	4-hydroxybenzoate polyprenyltransferase and related prenyltransferases	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00016172	0
2013889225	Pyruvate:ferredoxin oxidoreductase and related 2-oxoacid:ferredoxin oxidoreductases, alpha subunit( EC:1.2.7.1 )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0001592	0
2013889770	DNA-directed RNA polymerase subunit beta' (EC 2.7.7.6)( EC:2.7.7.6 )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00015346	0
2013900244	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00015074	0
2013898474	phosphate-binding protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00014986	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0645	Predicted Fe-S oxidoreductases	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00014476	0
2013902338	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00014395	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0444	Type II secretory pathway, ATPase PulE/Tfp pilus assembly pathway, ATPase PilB	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00014395	0
2013886641	Predicted pyridoxal phosphate-dependent enzyme apparently involved in regulation of cell wall biogenesis	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00014039	0
2013904894	Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00013924	0
2013901979	Predicted cation transporter	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00013737	0
2013898076	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00013273	0
2013892468	probable carbamoyltransferase YgeW	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00012905	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1151	tryptophan synthase, beta chain (EC 4.2.1.20)( EC:4.2.1.20 )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00012808	0
2013903898	Type II secretory pathway, component PulF	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00012744	0
2013891998	glucose-6-phosphate isomerase (EC 5.3.1.9)( EC:5.3.1.9 )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00012618	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0411	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00012618	0
2013898676	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00012556	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0054	formate dehydrogenase, beta subunit (F420) (EC 1.2.99.-)( EC:1.2.1.2 )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00012284	0
2013888559	Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00011996	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0479	homoserine dehydrogenase (EC 1.1.1.3)( EC:1.1.1.3 )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00011641	0
2013904551	hydroxylamine reductase( EC:1.7.- )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00010781	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1100	tRNA(Ile)-lysine synthetase, N-terminal domain/tRNA(Ile)-lysine synthetase, C-terminal domain( EC:6.3.4.- )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00010736	0
2013887338	PAS domain S-box	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00010387	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1125	( tRNA )	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.000102	0
2013903859	Uncharacterized protein containing caspase domain	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0001002	0
2013887511	GH3 auxin-responsive promoter.	0	0	1	0	0	0	9.4111E-05	0
2013898088	Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	9.1745E-05	0
2013891922	Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	9.0606E-05	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0261	( tRNA )	0	0	1	0	0	0	8.7654E-05	0
2013890586	aspartyl-tRNA synthetase (EC 6.1.1.12)	0	0	1	0	0	0	8.5455E-05	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0717	( tRNA )	0	0	1	0	0	0	8.5312E-05	0
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0522	PAS domain S-box	0	0	1	0	0	0	8.4746E-05	0
2013898297	Pyruvate:ferredoxin oxidoreductase and related 2-oxoacid:ferredoxin oxidoreductases, beta subunit( EC:1.2.7.- )	0	0	1	0	0	0	8.2423E-05	0
2013887814	ABC-type multidrug transport system, ATPase and permease components	0	0	1	0	0	0	8.0476E-05	0
2013898204	PAS domain S-box	0	0	1	0	0	0	7.7077E-05	0
2013893126	valyl-tRNA synthetase( EC:6.1.1.9 )	0	0	1	0	0	0	5.8071E-05	0
2013898202	PAS domain S-box	0	0	1	0	0	0	5.3121E-05	0
2013924115	Inorganic pyrophosphatase( EC:3.6.1.1 )	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00225775
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1265	Uncharacterized protein conserved in bacteria	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00223583
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0740	hypothetical protein	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0.00209355
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1187	Polyribonucleotide nucleotidyltransferase (polynucleotide phosphorylase)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00171858
2013890550	hypothetical protein	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00166877
2013897153	hypothetical protein	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00165676
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0703	hypothetical protein	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00162176
2013927261	hypothetical protein	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00155601
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0432	Molybdopterin biosynthesis enzyme	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00149539
2013918651	Inorganic pyrophosphatase( EC:3.6.1.1 )	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00147622
2013890398	Uncharacterized conserved protein	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00120571
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0165	Site-specific recombinase XerD	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00119943

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2013924820	hypothetical protein	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00112887
2013897067	hypothetical protein	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00111791
2013913331	Major Facilitator Superfamily.	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.00110187
2013910586	Dinucleotide-utilizing enzymes involved in molybdopterin and thiamine biosynthesis family 1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00102808
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0674	hypothetical protein	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00097581
2013905185	Inorganic pyrophosphatase( EC:3.6.1.1 )	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00081088
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0680	hypothetical protein	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00081088
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0980	DNA uptake lipoprotein	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0007833
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1165	MarR family.	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00076255
2013914409	Inorganic pyrophosphatase( EC:3.6.1.1 )	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0007477
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0328	DNA gyrase subunit B (EC 5.99.1.3)( EC:5.99.1.3 )	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00070641
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0960	hypothetical protein	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00068539
2013900716	hypothetical protein	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00066558
2013905888	hypothetical protein	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00062921
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0557	Predicted membrane protein	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00060923
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0098	Fe-S oxidoreductase	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00058449
2013919678	Flagellin and related hook-associated proteins	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00056444
2013926699	hypothetical protein	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00055093
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0242	Type II secretory pathway, component PulF	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00053308
2013926622	Excinuclease ABC subunit A	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00049207
2013903815	Inorganic pyrophosphatase( EC:3.6.1.1 )	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00047581
2013905763	carbamoyl-phosphate synthase large subunit( EC:6.3.4.16,EC:6.3.5.5 )	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00046058
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0246	Uncharacterized conserved protein containing a ferredoxin-like domain	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00045875
2013904402	amino acid-binding protein	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00045155
2013890454	bacterial translation initiation factor 2 (bIF-2)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00043288
2013886582	ABC-type polysaccharide/polyol phosphate export systems, permease component	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00042646
Dehalococcoides_KB1_1326	Flagellar basal body rod protein	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.000389
2013891805	Uncharacterized protein conserved in bacteria	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00035429
2013897192	Glycosyltransferase	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00034372
2013897593	Transposase IS66 family.	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00030301
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0971	pyruvate ferredoxin oxidoreductase, alpha subunit (EC 1.2.7.1)( EC:1.2.7.1 )	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00029986
2013902794	OB-fold nucleic acid binding domain.	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00027547
2013904608	Sugar phosphate permease	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00027547
2013896782	Sep-tRNA:Cys-tRNA synthase (EC 2.5.1.-)( EC:2.5.1.73 )	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00025531
Dehalococcoides_KB1_0850	Indolepyruvate ferredoxin oxidoreductase, alpha and beta subunits( EC:1.2.7.8 )	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0002419
2013898224	5'-3' exonuclease (including N-terminal domain of PolI)( EC:2.7.7.7 )	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00022489
2013900730	Predicted signaling protein consisting of a modified GGDEF domain and a DHH domain	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00017526
2013892730	hypothetical protein	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	8.1605E-05

**Table A3.3. Proteins detected in all five samples (KB-1 mixed culture, PM2A2, EW1, O-BH9-A1 and O-BH10-A1)**

Protein ID	Homolog	Description	Spectral Counts					NSAF				
			KB1	PM2A2	EW1	O-BH9-A1	O-BH10-A1	KB1	PM2A2	EW1	O-BH9-A1	O-BH10-A1
gi 157326512	VcrA	reductive dehalogenase	984	10	6	9	6	1.08E-02	4.67E-03	4.74E-03	9.04E-04	1.36E-03
DehalGT_1237	VcrA	reductive dehalogenase	984	10	6	9	6	1.06E-02	4.58E-03	4.65E-03	8.86E-04	1.33E-03
2013896112	VcrA	reductive dehalogenase	949	10	6	9	6	1.03E-02	4.58E-03	4.65E-03	8.86E-04	1.33E-03
gi 77176887	VcrA	reductive dehalogenase	854	10	5	8	5	9.53E-03	4.72E-03	4.00E-03	8.13E-04	1.14E-03
2013887519		hypothetical protein	1695	8	6	30	33	9.23E-03	1.85E-03	2.34E-03	1.49E-03	3.69E-03
gi 77176860	1545	reductive dehalogenase	553	1	1	2	1	6.41E-03	4.91E-04	8.31E-04	2.11E-04	2.38E-04
FL2_RdhA6	1545	reductive dehalogenase	551	1	1	2	1	6.39E-03	4.91E-04	8.31E-04	2.11E-04	2.38E-04
2013897436	1545	reductive dehalogenase	560	1	1	2	1	6.28E-03	4.75E-04	8.04E-04	2.04E-04	2.30E-04
cbdbA1638	1545	reductive dehalogenase	560	1	1	2	1	6.28E-03	4.75E-04	8.04E-04	2.04E-04	2.30E-04
DehalGT_1353	1545	reductive dehalogenase	560	1	1	2	1	6.28E-03	4.75E-04	8.04E-04	2.04E-04	2.30E-04
2013895580		translation elongation factor 1A (EF-1A/EF-Tu)( EC:3.6.5.3 )	196	8	8	1	3	4.43E-03	7.67E-03	1.30E-02	2.06E-04	1.39E-03
2013887541		chaperonin GroL	312	5	5	24	17	3.26E-03	2.21E-03	3.74E-03	2.28E-03	3.65E-03
Glov_1331		translation elongation factor Tu	213	7	8	3	6	3.02E-03	4.20E-03	8.12E-03	3.87E-04	1.74E-03
Glov_1344		translation elongation factor Tu	213	7	8	3	6	3.02E-03	4.20E-03	8.12E-03	3.87E-04	1.74E-03
DET1428		co-chaperonin GroEL	231	5	5	20	12	2.41E-03	2.21E-03	3.74E-03	1.90E-03	2.57E-03
PCEOTH_831740		ATP synthase F1 subcomplex beta subunit( EC:3.6.3.14 )	40	1	3	6	2	2.14E-03	2.26E-03	1.15E-02	2.28E-03	2.19E-03
PCEOTH_2517890		ATP synthase F1 subcomplex beta subunit( EC:3.6.3.14 )	34	1	3	6	2	2.01E-03	2.50E-03	1.27E-02	3.23E-03	2.42E-03
Glov_3170		ATP synthase F1, beta subunit( EC:3.6.3.14 )	148	3	4	14	7	1.76E-03	1.51E-03	3.41E-03	1.52E-03	1.71E-03
2013899565		degV family protein	82	1	1	20	12	1.65E-03	8.52E-04	1.44E-03	3.66E-03	4.95E-03
PCEOTH_619260		ketol-acid reductoisomerase (EC 1.1.1.86)( EC:1.1.1.86 )	28	2	1	1	1	1.37E-03	4.13E-03	3.50E-03	4.44E-04	1.00E-03
PCEOTH_1287470		translation elongation factor 1A (EF-1A/EF-Tu)( EC:3.6.5.3 )	33	11	7	5	1	1.31E-03	1.85E-02	2.00E-02	1.81E-03	8.17E-04
Glov_2019		Phosphopyruvate hydratase (EC:4.2.1.11)	94	3	1	3	3	1.22E-03	1.65E-03	9.33E-04	3.56E-04	8.01E-04
PCEOTH_2434430		translation elongation factor 1A (EF-1A/EF-Tu)( EC:3.6.5.3 )	30	11	7	5	1	1.17E-03	1.82E-02	1.95E-02	1.77E-03	8.00E-04
PCEOTH_726050		ATP synthase F1 subcomplex beta subunit( EC:3.6.3.14 )	28	1	3	6	2	1.16E-03	1.75E-03	8.87E-03	2.25E-03	1.69E-03
PCEOTH_3043890		ATP synthase F1 subcomplex beta subunit( EC:3.6.3.14 )	49	1	3	6	3	1.13E-03	9.74E-04	4.94E-03	1.26E-03	1.42E-03
2013897074		ketol-acid reductoisomerase (EC 1.1.1.86)( EC:1.1.1.86 )	64	2	1	3	2	1.08E-03	1.43E-03	1.21E-03	4.62E-04	6.94E-04
PCEOTH_878390		ATP synthase F1 subcomplex beta subunit( EC:3.6.3.14 )	24	1	3	7	2	9.97E-04	1.76E-03	8.93E-03	2.65E-03	1.71E-03
PCEDHC_06710		BNR/Asp-box repeat./Fibronectin type III domain.	174	1	1	10	3	9.75E-04	2.37E-04	4.02E-04	5.11E-04	3.45E-04
2013888620		ATP synthase F1 subcomplex beta subunit ( EC:3.6.3.14 )	43	2	4	7	2	9.50E-04	1.87E-03	6.33E-03	1.41E-03	9.07E-04
PCEOTH_660870		ATP synthase F1 subcomplex beta subunit( EC:3.6.3.14 )	23	1	3	10	2	9.35E-04	1.72E-03	8.74E-03	3.70E-03	1.67E-03
DET1407		BNR/Asp-box repeat domain protein	165	1	1	10	3	9.25E-04	2.37E-04	4.02E-04	5.11E-04	3.45E-04
PCEOTH_240310		ATP synthase F1 subcomplex beta subunit( EC:3.6.3.14 )	27	2	3	6	2	8.66E-04	2.72E-03	6.89E-03	1.75E-03	1.32E-03
PCEOTH_145020		ATP synthase F1 subcomplex beta subunit( EC:3.6.3.14 )	19	1	1	1	1	7.61E-04	1.70E-03	2.87E-03	3.65E-04	8.22E-04
DET0831		ketol-acid reductoisomerase( EC:1.1.1.86 )	43	2	1	1	1	7.27E-04	1.43E-03	1.21E-03	1.54E-04	3.47E-04
PCEOTH_2733910		ATP synthase F1 subcomplex beta subunit( EC:3.6.3.14 )	58	1	3	8	4	7.12E-04	5.20E-04	2.64E-03	8.95E-04	1.01E-03
PCEOTH_512590		Molecular chaperone	15	1	2	5	2	6.58E-04	1.86E-03	6.28E-03	2.00E-03	1.80E-03
2013890562		ABC-type Fe3+-hydroxamate transport system, periplasmic component	41	1	1	7	1	6.57E-04	6.79E-04	1.15E-03	1.02E-03	3.29E-04
Glov_1624		isocitrate dehydrogenase, NADP-dependent (EC:1.1.1.42)	82	2	1	1	1	6.20E-04	6.41E-04	5.42E-04	6.89E-05	1.55E-04
2013900253		chaperonin GroL	58	3	3	8	6	5.97E-04	1.31E-03	2.21E-03	7.50E-04	1.27E-03
2013917999		ATP synthase F1 subcomplex beta subunit ( EC:3.6.3.14 )	28	3	4	6	4	5.78E-04	2.62E-03	5.91E-03	1.13E-03	1.69E-03
2013895374		ATP synthase F1 subcomplex alpha subunit ( EC:3.6.3.14 )	43	2	1	1	3	5.66E-04	1.12E-03	9.44E-04	1.20E-04	8.11E-04
2013922024		LSU ribosomal protein L12P	9	3	3	3	2	4.04E-04	5.70E-03	9.65E-03	1.23E-03	1.84E-03
PCEOTH_1239690		Chaperonin GroEL (HSP60 family)	7	1	1	3	1	3.36E-04	2.03E-03	3.44E-03	1.31E-03	9.84E-04
PCEOTH_1796930		Chaperonin GroEL (HSP60 family)	10	1	1	9	7	2.98E-04	1.26E-03	2.14E-03	2.45E-03	4.29E-03
SwoI_2343		ribosomal protein L7/L12	6	3	4	3	1	2.69E-04	5.70E-03	1.29E-02	1.23E-03	9.21E-04
PCEOTH_2546790		LSU ribosomal protein L12P	6	3	3	2	3	2.67E-04	5.66E-03	9.65E-03	8.11E-04	2.74E-03
PCEOTH_682880		Chaperonin GroEL (HSP60 family)	7	1	1	3	1	2.55E-04	1.54E-03	2.61E-03	9.95E-04	7.48E-04
Glov_2829		chaperone protein DnaK	28	1	2	6	3	2.46E-04	3.72E-04	1.26E-03	4.80E-04	5.41E-04
PCEOTH_2665550		chaperonin GroL	23	4	1	7	9	2.39E-04	1.76E-03	7.46E-04	6.64E-04	1.92E-03

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			KB1	PM2A2	EW1	O-BH9-A1	O-BH10-A1	KB1	PM2A2	EW1	O-BH9-A1	O-BH10-A1
PCEOTH_2525800		LSU ribosomal protein L12P	4	3	3	2	1	2.27E-04	7.20E-03	1.22E-02	1.03E-03	1.16E-03
PCEOTH_1371030		LSU ribosomal protein L12P	4	3	3	2	1	1.84E-04	5.84E-03	9.89E-03	8.38E-04	9.44E-04
PCEOTH_1752910		LSU ribosomal protein L12P	4	3	3	3	2	1.84E-04	5.84E-03	9.89E-03	1.26E-03	1.89E-03
2013890519		DNA-directed RNA polymerase subunit beta' (EC 2.7.7.6)	31	1	1	2	3	1.34E-04	1.84E-04	3.10E-04	7.89E-05	2.67E-04
PCEOTH_821690		Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein	2	1	1	3	1	1.10E-04	2.33E-03	3.94E-03	1.50E-03	1.13E-03
PCEOTH_1250520		methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	2	1	1	3	3	9.93E-05	2.10E-03	3.56E-03	1.36E-03	3.06E-03
PCEOTH_1120670		Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein	2	1	1	2	1	9.84E-05	2.08E-03	3.53E-03	8.97E-04	1.01E-03
PCEOTH_288530		Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein	2	1	1	2	1	9.27E-05	1.96E-03	3.32E-03	8.45E-04	9.52E-04
PCEOTH_2999900		methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	2	1	1	2	1	8.37E-05	1.77E-03	3.00E-03	7.63E-04	8.59E-04
PCEOTH_2283790		methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	2	1	1	2	1	7.90E-05	1.67E-03	2.83E-03	7.20E-04	8.11E-04
PCEOTH_1104500		Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein	2	1	1	2	1	7.63E-05	1.62E-03	2.73E-03	6.95E-04	7.83E-04
PCEOTH_2380250		Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein	2	1	1	2	1	7.29E-05	1.54E-03	2.61E-03	6.64E-04	7.48E-04
PCEOTH_1462300		translation elongation factor 1A (EF-1A/EF-Tu)( EC:3.6.5.3 )	1	4	2	10	4	7.19E-05	1.22E-02	1.03E-02	6.55E-03	5.90E-03
PCEOTH_1229430		Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein	2	1	1	3	1	7.19E-05	1.52E-03	2.58E-03	9.83E-04	7.38E-04
PCEOTH_866620		Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein	2	1	1	3	1	7.06E-05	1.49E-03	2.53E-03	9.64E-04	7.24E-04
PCEOTH_2310650		Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein	2	1	1	2	1	6.60E-05	1.40E-03	2.36E-03	6.01E-04	6.77E-04
PCEOTH_1721300		Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein	2	1	1	2	1	6.17E-05	1.31E-03	2.21E-03	5.62E-04	6.33E-04
2013896472		methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	2	1	1	2	1	5.94E-05	1.26E-03	2.13E-03	5.41E-04	6.09E-04
PCEOTH_2679690		Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein	2	1	1	3	1	5.78E-05	1.22E-03	2.07E-03	7.90E-04	5.94E-04
PCEOTH_411580		Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein	2	1	1	3	1	5.15E-05	1.09E-03	1.84E-03	7.03E-04	5.28E-04
2013910496		Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein	2	1	1	3	1	5.05E-05	1.07E-03	1.81E-03	6.91E-04	5.19E-04
PCEOTH_323630		Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein	2	1	1	3	1	4.86E-05	1.03E-03	1.74E-03	6.64E-04	4.98E-04
PCEOTH_904410		acetyl-coenzyme A synthetase (EC 6.2.1.1)( EC:6.2.1.1 )	2	3	1	15	2	4.51E-05	2.86E-03	1.61E-03	3.08E-03	9.25E-04
2013905002		ATP synthase F1 subcomplex alpha subunit ( EC:3.6.3.14 )	1	1	1	2	2	4.38E-05	1.86E-03	3.14E-03	7.98E-04	1.80E-03
PCEOTH_1323510		Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein	2	1	1	2	1	3.94E-05	8.34E-04	1.41E-03	3.59E-04	4.04E-04
PCEOTH_335150		Methyl-accepting chemotaxis protein	2	1	1	3	1	3.03E-05	6.42E-04	1.09E-03	4.14E-04	3.11E-04
2013887853		ABC-type oligopeptide transport system, periplasmic component	3	2	3	16	9	3.02E-05	8.52E-04	2.16E-03	1.47E-03	1.86E-03
Glov_3335		methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	2	1	1	2	1	2.61E-05	5.53E-04	9.35E-04	2.38E-04	2.68E-04
2013903892		Tfp pilus assembly protein, ATPase PilM	1	1	1	4	2	1.14E-05	4.81E-04	8.14E-04	4.14E-04	4.66E-04

Table A3.4. *Geobacter* proteins detected in samples

Protein ID	Description	Spectral Counts					NSAF				
		KB1	PM2A2	EW1	O-BH9-A1	O-BH10-A1	KB1	PM2A2	EW1	O-BH9-A1	O-BH10-A1
Glov_3706	Hypothetical protein MTH865	111	1	0	0	0	5.66E-03	3.03E-03	0	0	0
Glov_0477	hypothetical protein	63	0	0	0	0	3.43E-03	0	0	0	0
Glov_1331	translation elongation factor Tu	213	7	8	3	6	2.14E-03	4.18E-03	7.80E-03	3.79E-04	1.71E-03
Glov_1344	translation elongation factor Tu	213	7	8	3	6	2.14E-03	4.18E-03	7.80E-03	3.79E-04	1.71E-03
Glov_2929	chaperonin GroEL	289	2	0	16	6	2.10E-03	8.62E-04	0	1.46E-03	1.23E-03
Glov_1794	Rubryerythrin	66	0	0	0	0	1.56E-03	0	0	0	0
Glov_3170	ATP synthase F1, beta subunit (EC:3.6.3.14)	148	3	4	14	7	1.25E-03	1.51E-03	3.28E-03	1.49E-03	1.67E-03
Glov_3311	response regulator receiver protein	38	0	0	0	0	1.24E-03	0	0	0	0
Glov_1338	ribosomal protein L7/L12	35	1	0	1	1	1.10E-03	1.88E-03	0	3.97E-04	8.93E-04
Glov_1625	malate dehydrogenase, NAD-dependent (EC:1.1.1.37)	75	8	4	2	0	9.29E-04	5.89E-03	4.81E-03	3.12E-04	0
Glov_2019	Phosphopyruvate hydratase (EC:4.2.1.11)	94	3	1	3	3	8.68E-04	1.64E-03	8.96E-04	3.48E-04	7.83E-04
Glov_1629	pyruvate ferredoxin/ferredoxin oxidoreductase (EC:1.2.7.3)	28	0	4	1	0	6.15E-04	0	8.54E-03	2.76E-04	0
Glov_3371	flagellin domain protein	41	0	0	0	1	5.93E-04	0	0	0	4.09E-04
Glov_1518	hypothetical protein	34	0	0	0	0	5.64E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_0345	Acetyl-CoA hydrolase (EC:3.1.2.1)	73	0	0	0	0	5.47E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_3009	cold-shock DNA-binding domain protein	8	1	1	0	0	4.82E-04	3.58E-03	5.85E-03	0	0
Glov_3186	cold-shock DNA-binding domain protein	8	1	1	0	0	4.75E-04	3.53E-03	5.76E-03	0	0
Glov_3086	hypothetical protein	15	0	0	0	0	4.66E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_3460	hypothetical protein	8	0	0	0	0	4.48E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_1624	isocitrate dehydrogenase, NADP-dependent (EC:1.1.1.42)	82	2	1	1	1	4.40E-04	6.37E-04	5.21E-04	6.74E-05	1.52E-04
Glov_1597	acetyl-CoA carboxylase, biotin carboxyl carrier protein	17	0	0	0	0	4.33E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_2870	reductive dehalogenase	43	0	0	27	0	3.33E-04	0	0	2.63E-03	0
Glov_2872	reductive dehalogenase	43	0	0	27	0	3.33E-04	0	0	2.63E-03	0
Glov_3724	NADPH-dependent FMN reductase	17	0	0	0	0	3.17E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_1210	phosphate acetyltransferase (EC:2.3.1.8)	26	0	0	1	0	3.11E-04	0	0	1.50E-04	0
Glov_2402	phosphopantetheine-binding	6	0	0	0	0	3.06E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_0505	thioredoxin	8	0	0	0	0	2.92E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_3172	ATP synthase F1, alpha subunit (EC:3.6.3.14)	34	2	0	1	3	2.69E-04	9.42E-04	0	9.96E-05	6.73E-04
Glov_1879	nitrogen regulatory protein P-II	7	0	0	0	1	2.49E-04	0	0	0	1.00E-03
Glov_2928	chaperonin Cpn10	6	0	0	0	0	2.49E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_1627	pyruvate flavodoxin/ferredoxin oxidoreductase domain protein (EC:1.2.7.3)	22	0	2	0	0	2.32E-04	0	2.05E-03	0	0
Glov_2165	sigma 54 modulation protein/ribosomal protein S30EA	10	0	0	0	0	2.20E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_3013	Acetyl-CoA hydrolase (EC:3.1.2.1)	27	0	0	0	0	2.07E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_1929	trigger factor	21	0	0	0	0	1.90E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_1797	Rubryerythrin	9	0	0	0	0	1.86E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_3257	LamB porin family protein, putative	23	0	0	0	0	1.86E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_1934	3-oxoacyl-(acyl-carrier-protein) synthase 2 (EC:2.3.1.179)	19	0	0	0	0	1.84E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_1379	Citrate (Si)-synthase (EC:2.3.3.1)	20	5	1	3	0	1.81E-04	2.69E-03	8.78E-04	3.41E-04	0
Glov_1216	6,7-dimethyl-8-ribityllumazine synthase (EC:2.5.1.78)	7	0	0	0	0	1.80E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_1887	aconitate hydratase 2 (EC:4.2.1.3)	37	0	1	0	0	1.75E-04	0	4.58E-04	0	0
Glov_2829	chaperone protein DnaK	28	1	2	6	3	1.74E-04	3.70E-04	1.21E-03	4.70E-04	5.28E-04
Glov_3611	Nucleoside-diphosphate kinase (EC:2.7.4.6)	6	1	0	0	0	1.73E-04	1.71E-03	0	0	0
Glov_1149	molybdopterin oxidoreductase (EC:1.2.7.-)	37	0	0	0	0	1.72E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_1768	aminotransferase class I and II (EC:2.6.1.1)	16	0	0	0	0	1.60E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_3351	flagellar FlaF family protein	5	0	0	0	0	1.59E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_2222	Ferritin Dps family protein (EC:1.16.3.1)	7	0	0	0	0	1.58E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_1935	acyl carrier protein	3	0	0	0	0	1.55E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_3350	thioredoxin reductase (EC:1.8.1.9)	12	0	0	0	0	1.50E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_2213	succinate dehydrogenase or fumarate reductase, flavoprotein subunit (EC:1.3.99.1)	24	0	1	0	0	1.50E-04	0	6.05E-04	0	0
Glov_3497	hypothetical protein	3	0	0	0	0	1.47E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_2501	ketol-acid reductoisomerase (EC:1.1.1.86)	12	0	0	0	0	1.41E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_3134	NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) 24 kDa subunit (EC:1.6.5.3)	6	0	0	0	0	1.40E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_1711	hypothetical protein	5	0	0	0	0	1.28E-04	0	0	0	0

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Glov_0349	Methionine adenosyltransferase (EC:2.5.1.6)	12	0	0	0	0	1.23E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_1360	ribosomal protein S8	4	0	0	0	0	1.21E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_1696	Peroxisomal protein (EC:1.11.1.15)	7	0	0	0	0	1.19E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_1345	ribosomal protein S10	3	0	0	0	0	1.17E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_1951	protein of unknown function DUF1255	3	0	0	0	0	1.15E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_3175	H <sup>+</sup> -transporting two-sector ATPase B/B' subunit (EC:3.6.3.14)	4	0	0	0	0	1.13E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_1859	amino acid-binding ACT domain protein	4	1	0	1	0	1.11E-04	1.65E-03	0	3.50E-04	0
Glov_1628	thiamine pyrophosphate protein domain protein TPP-binding (EC:1.2.7.3)	7	0	0	0	0	1.02E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_0475	alkyl hydroperoxide reductase/ Thiol specific antioxidant/ Mal allergen (EC:1.11.1.15)	5	0	0	0	0	1.00E-04	0	0	0	0
Glov_1343	translation elongation factor G	17	0	0	0	1	9.77E-05	0	0	0	1.63E-04
Glov_1932	Glycine hydroxymethyltransferase (EC:2.1.2.1)	10	0	0	0	0	9.59E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3216	peptide deformylase (EC:3.5.1.88)	4	0	0	0	0	9.59E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2143	heat shock protein Hsp90	15	0	0	0	0	9.27E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2760	phosphoribosylaminoimidazolecarboxamide formyltransferase/IMP cyclohydrolase (EC:3.5.4.10, EC:2.1.2.3)	12	0	0	0	0	9.20E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2318	ribonucleoside-diphosphate reductase, adenosylcobalamin-dependent (EC:1.17.4.1)	17	0	0	0	0	9.08E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2709	translation elongation factor Ts	7	1	0	0	0	8.95E-05	7.60E-04	0	0	0
Glov_2830	GrpE protein	4	0	0	0	0	8.79E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1832	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	8	0	0	3	1	8.53E-05	0	0	4.02E-04	3.02E-04
Glov_1335	ribosomal protein L11	3	0	0	0	2	8.46E-05	0	0	0	1.60E-03
Glov_3462	Phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase (GTP) (EC:4.1.1.32)	13	0	0	0	0	8.39E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2678	phospho-2-dehydro-3-deoxyheptonate aldolase (EC:2.5.1.54)	7	0	0	0	0	8.21E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0377	hypothetical protein	4	0	0	0	0	8.16E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1052	Rubryerythrin	3	0	0	0	0	7.96E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1640	type IV pilus assembly protein PilM	7	0	0	0	0	7.91E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1347	ribosomal protein L4/L1e	4	0	0	0	0	7.72E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0348	3-isopropylmalate dehydrogenase (EC:1.1.1.85)	7	0	0	0	0	7.67E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3251	Adenylosuccinate synthase (EC:6.3.4.4)	8	0	0	0	0	7.40E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2608	ribosomal protein S18	2	0	0	0	0	7.23E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2058	Rhodanese domain protein	7	0	0	0	0	7.18E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2531	aspartate kinase (EC:2.7.2.4)	7	0	0	0	0	6.89E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2455	ribosomal protein L19	2	0	0	0	0	6.69E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2638	branched-chain amino acid aminotransferase (EC:2.6.1.42)	6	0	0	0	0	6.65E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1686	Dinitrogenase iron-molybdenum cofactor biosynthesis protein	2	0	0	0	0	6.63E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0106	NADH:flavin oxidoreductase/NADH oxidase (EC:1.-)	6	0	0	0	0	6.59E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1362	ribosomal protein L18	2	0	0	0	0	6.52E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2315	PhoH family protein	7	0	0	0	0	6.34E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2708	ribosomal protein S2	4	0	0	0	0	6.19E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1599	glycine cleavage system H protein	2	0	0	0	0	6.17E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2606	Dinitrogenase iron-molybdenum cofactor biosynthesis protein	2	0	0	0	0	6.17E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3325	2-isopropylmalate synthase (EC:2.3.3.13)	8	0	0	0	0	6.13E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0035	thiamine biosynthesis protein ThiS	1	0	0	0	0	6.03E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2627	cold-shock DNA-binding domain protein	1	0	0	0	0	6.03E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1373	DNA-directed RNA polymerase, alpha subunit (EC:2.7.7.6)	5	0	0	2	0	5.85E-05	0	0	2.94E-04	0
Glov_2077	hypothetical protein	1	0	0	0	0	5.77E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3169	ATP synthase F1, epsilon subunit (EC:3.6.3.14)	2	0	0	0	0	5.77E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1025	transcription termination factor Rho	6	0	0	4	1	5.75E-05	0	0	4.82E-04	2.71E-04
Glov_1372	ribosomal protein S4	3	0	0	0	0	5.74E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1674	Polyribonucleotide nucleotidyltransferase (EC:2.7.7.8)	10	1	0	0	0	5.66E-05	3.36E-04	0	0	0
Glov_1214	Homoserine dehydrogenase (EC:1.1.1.3)	6	0	0	0	0	5.44E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1795	catalase/peroxidase HPI (EC:1.11.1.6, EC:1.11.1.7)	10	0	0	0	0	5.41E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2950	hypothetical protein	6	0	0	0	0	5.40E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3484	nitrogen-fixing NifU domain protein	1	0	0	0	0	5.38E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1705	4Fe-4S ferredoxin iron-sulfur binding domain protein	4	0	0	0	0	5.27E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3312	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	7	0	0	2	1	5.22E-05	0	0	1.88E-04	2.11E-04

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Glov_0177	iron-containing alcohol dehydrogenase	5	0	0	0	0	5.19E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1342	ribosomal protein S7	2	0	0	0	0	5.10E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1880	glutamine synthetase, type I (EC:6.3.1.2)	6	0	0	0	0	5.08E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2464	proposed homoserine kinase (EC:5.4.2.1)	5	0	0	0	0	4.98E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1593	Tetratricopeptide TPR_2 repeat protein	4	0	0	0	0	4.97E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0343	hypothetical protein	3	0	0	0	0	4.85E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1831	CheW protein	2	0	0	0	0	4.74E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3137	NADH-quinone oxidoreductase, B subunit (EC:1.6.5.3)	2	0	0	0	0	4.71E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2206	phosphopantetheine-binding	1	0	0	0	0	4.68E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0987	peptidyl-prolyl cis-trans isomerase cyclophilin type (EC:5.2.1.8)	2	0	0	0	0	4.65E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0761	outer membrane chaperone Skp (OmpH)	2	0	0	0	0	4.63E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1337	ribosomal protein L10	2	0	0	0	0	4.57E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3370	flagellin domain protein	3	0	0	0	0	4.34E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1647	Chorismate mutase (EC:5.4.99.5)	1	0	0	0	0	4.19E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2145	ribosomal protein S1	6	0	0	0	0	4.17E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2639	histone family protein DNA-binding protein	1	0	0	1	0	4.14E-05	0	0	5.21E-04	0
Glov_1328	3-hydroxyisobutyrate dehydrogenase (EC:1.1.1.31, EC:1.1.1.60)	3	0	0	0	0	4.14E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2671	Glycine dehydrogenase (decarboxylating) (EC:1.4.4.2)	5	0	0	0	0	4.14E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1667	NusA antitermination factor	4	0	0	0	0	4.13E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3043	dihydrodipicolinate synthase (EC:4.2.1.52)	3	0	0	0	0	4.12E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3272	DegT/DnrJ/EryC1/StrS aminotransferase (EC:2.6.1.87)	4	0	0	0	0	4.11E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0641	hypothetical protein	1	0	0	0	0	4.10E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1119	ATP phosphoribosyltransferase (EC:2.4.2.17)	3	0	0	0	0	4.10E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0101	Pirin domain protein	3	0	0	0	0	3.98E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3149	ornithine carbamoyltransferase (EC:2.1.3.3)	3	0	0	0	0	3.94E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1949	methionyl-tRNA synthetase (EC:6.1.1.10)	5	0	0	0	0	3.92E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0586	protein of unknown function DUF47	2	0	0	0	0	3.88E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1689	Cobyrinic acid ac-diamide synthase	3	0	0	0	0	3.87E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0694	hypothetical protein	1	0	0	0	0	3.86E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1352	ribosomal protein S3	2	0	0	0	0	3.79E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2084	dihydroorotase, multifunctional complex type (EC:3.5.2.3)	4	0	0	0	0	3.74E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3139	glutamate-1-semialdehyde-2,1-aminomutase (EC:5.4.3.8)	4	0	0	0	0	3.72E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3684	Cobyrinic acid ac-diamide synthase	2	0	0	0	0	3.68E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3613	Ribulose-phosphate 3-epimerase (EC:5.1.3.1)	2	0	0	0	0	3.60E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0147	nickel-dependent hydrogenase large subunit (EC:1.12.99.6)	5	0	0	0	0	3.56E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3161	recA protein	3	3	0	0	0	3.55E-05	2.11E-03	0	0	0
Glov_1693	Dinitrogenase iron-molybdenum cofactor biosynthesis protein	1	0	0	0	0	3.55E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2705	histidine triad (HIT) protein	1	0	0	0	0	3.49E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1336	ribosomal protein L1	2	0	0	0	0	3.41E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1872	ribosomal protein L20	1	0	0	0	0	3.40E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0401	transcriptional regulator, TraR/DksA family	1	0	0	0	0	3.37E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1029	peptide chain release factor 1	3	0	0	0	0	3.36E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1943	peptidase M42 family protein (EC:3.2.1.4)	3	0	0	0	0	3.35E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0347	aspartate-semialdehyde dehydrogenase (EC:1.2.1.11)	3	0	0	0	0	3.26E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1370	ribosomal protein S13	1	0	0	0	0	3.26E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0002	DNA polymerase III, beta subunit (EC:2.7.7.7)	3	0	0	0	0	3.21E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2673	glycine cleavage system H protein	1	0	0	0	0	3.21E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2212	4Fe-4S ferredoxin iron-sulfur binding domain protein (EC:1.3.99.1)	2	0	0	0	0	3.17E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2283	endoribonuclease L-PSP	1	0	0	0	0	3.16E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2434	response regulator receiver protein	1	0	0	0	0	3.16E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3253	hypothetical protein	4	0	0	0	0	3.12E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3135	NADH dehydrogenase I, D subunit (EC:1.6.5.3)	3	0	0	0	0	3.06E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0624	CoA-binding domain protein	1	0	0	0	0	3.01E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2600	aminotransferase class I and II (EC:2.6.1.1)	3	0	0	0	0	3.01E-05	0	0	0	0



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Glov_0585	hybrid cluster protein (EC:1.7.-)	4	0	0	0	0	2.99E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2647	hybrid cluster protein (EC:1.7.-)	4	0	0	0	0	2.99E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2697	hypothetical protein	1	0	0	0	0	2.97E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1319	translation elongation factor G	5	0	0	0	0	2.87E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2028	putative signal transduction protein	2	0	0	0	0	2.85E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0121	Cupin 2 conserved barrel domain protein	1	0	0	0	0	2.82E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3191	ribosomal protein L13	1	0	0	0	0	2.80E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3411	single-strand binding protein	1	0	0	0	0	2.72E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0689	OmpA/MotB domain protein	3	0	0	0	0	2.69E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1933	sugar-phosphate isomerase, RpiB/LacA/LacB family (EC:5.3.1.6)	1	0	0	0	0	2.67E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1262	Malate dehydrogenase (oxaloacetate-decarboxylating) (NADP(+)), Phosphate acetyltransferase (EC:1.1.1.40)	5	0	0	0	0	2.64E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1265	hypothetical protein	2	0	0	0	0	2.63E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0699	PpiC-type peptidyl-prolyl cis-trans isomerase (EC:5.2.1.8)	2	0	0	0	0	2.61E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2868	peptidylprolyl isomerase FKBP-type	2	0	0	1	0	2.56E-05	0	0	1.61E-04	0
Glov_1964	Fructose-bisphosphatase (EC:3.1.3.11)	2	0	0	0	1	2.53E-05	0	0	0	3.57E-04
Glov_2078	transcription elongation factor GreA	1	0	1	0	0	2.52E-05	0	2.44E-03	0	0
Glov_0661	molybdopterin oxidoreductase	5	0	0	0	0	2.46E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1363	ribosomal protein S5	1	0	0	0	0	2.46E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3123	Roadblock/LC7 family protein	1	0	0	0	0	2.46E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1904	inhibitor of MCP methylation-like protein	1	0	0	0	0	2.44E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0828	Rubryerythrin	1	0	0	0	0	2.41E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2804	transketolase (EC:2.2.1.1)	4	0	0	0	0	2.39E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2802	phospho-2-dehydro-3-deoxyheptonate aldolase (EC:2.5.1.54)	2	0	0	0	0	2.35E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0911	phospho-2-dehydro-3-deoxyheptonate aldolase (EC:2.5.1.54)	2	0	0	0	0	2.33E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1970	hypothetical protein	2	0	0	0	0	2.29E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3678	nicotinate-nucleotide/dimethylbenzimidazole phosphoribosyltransferase (EC:2.4.2.21)	2	0	0	0	0	2.27E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2113	hypothetical protein	1	0	0	0	0	2.26E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3081	Adenosylcobinamide kinase (EC:2.7.1.156, EC:2.7.7.62)	1	0	0	0	0	2.25E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2087	D-3-phosphoglycerate dehydrogenase (EC:1.1.1.95)	3	0	0	0	0	2.23E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1838	dTDP-4-dehydrorhamnose 3,5-epimerase (EC:5.1.3.13)	1	0	0	0	0	2.20E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2776	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	3	0	0	3	1	2.19E-05	0	0	2.76E-04	2.07E-04
Glov_2505	dihydroxy-acid dehydratase (EC:4.2.1.9)	3	0	0	0	0	2.16E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3324	hexapeptide transferase family protein	1	0	0	0	0	2.14E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2007	Tetratricopeptide TPR_2 repeat protein	1	0	0	0	0	2.09E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3146	hypothetical protein	2	0	0	0	0	2.03E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3549	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	2	0	0	3	3	2.02E-05	0	0	3.82E-04	8.59E-04
Glov_0462	maf protein	1	0	0	0	0	2.00E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3174	H+-transporting two-sector ATPase B/B' subunit (EC:3.6.3.14)	1	0	0	0	0	1.99E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3179	putative rRNA methylase	1	0	0	0	0	1.99E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0105	flavoprotein WrbA	1	0	0	0	0	1.95E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2151	hypothetical protein	1	0	0	0	0	1.94E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3040	aminotransferase class I and II (EC:2.6.1.83)	2	0	0	0	0	1.94E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1927	ATP-dependent Clp protease, ATP-binding subunit ClpX	2	0	0	1	1	1.90E-05	0	0	1.19E-04	2.69E-04
Glov_0359	O-acetylhomoserine/O-acetylserine sulphydrylase (EC:2.5.1.49)	2	0	0	0	0	1.86E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3165	homoaconitate hydratase family protein (EC:4.2.1.35, EC:4.2.1.33)	2	0	0	0	0	1.86E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3372	hypothetical protein	1	0	0	0	0	1.86E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3252	Histidine--tRNA ligase	2	0	0	0	0	1.85E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3335	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	2	1	1	2	1	1.85E-05	5.50E-04	8.98E-04	2.33E-04	2.62E-04
Glov_0822	Histidinol dehydrogenase (EC:1.1.1.23)	2	0	0	0	0	1.84E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1858	Phenylacetate--CoA ligase (EC:6.2.1.30)	2	0	0	0	0	1.83E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3208	transcriptional regulator, TraR/DksA family	1	0	0	0	0	1.82E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0990	protein of unknown function DUF512	2	0	0	0	0	1.79E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1207	exsB protein	1	0	0	0	0	1.78E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1598	acetyl-CoA carboxylase, biotin carboxylase (EC:6.4.1.2, EC:6.3.4.14)	2	0	0	0	0	1.78E-05	0	0	0	0

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Glov_0573	Glutamate dehydrogenase (NADP(+)) (EC:1.4.1.4)	2	0	1	2	0	1.78E-05	0	8.62E-04	2.23E-04	0
Glov_1614	HAD-superfamily hydrolase, subfamily IA, variant 3 (EC:5.4.2.6)	1	0	0	0	0	1.78E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3726	haloacid dehalogenase, type II (EC:3.8.1.2)	1	0	0	0	0	1.74E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3145	argininosuccinate lyase (EC:4.3.2.1)	2	0	0	0	0	1.74E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1040	type IV pilus assembly PilZ	1	0	0	0	0	1.69E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1303	diguanylate cyclase	1	0	0	0	0	1.68E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2786	two component, sigma54 specific, transcriptional regulator, Fis family	2	0	0	0	0	1.66E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1245	protein of unknown function DUF28	1	0	0	0	0	1.61E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1618	Triose-phosphate isomerase (EC:5.3.1.1)	1	0	0	0	0	1.58E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1891	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	2	0	0	3	1	1.56E-05	0	0	2.95E-04	2.21E-04
Glov_1021	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	2	0	0	3	1	1.54E-05	0	0	2.90E-04	2.17E-04
Glov_2484	Indole-3-glycerol-phosphate synthase (EC:4.1.1.48)	1	0	0	0	0	1.50E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3042	Dihydropicolinate reductase (EC:1.3.1.26)	1	0	0	0	0	1.50E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0149	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	2	0	0	3	1	1.49E-05	0	0	2.82E-04	2.11E-04
Glov_0338	protein of unknown function DUF152	1	0	0	0	0	1.49E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1286	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	2	0	0	4	1	1.48E-05	0	0	3.72E-04	2.09E-04
Glov_0882	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	2	0	0	4	1	1.47E-05	0	0	3.71E-04	2.08E-04
Glov_0889	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	2	0	0	3	1	1.47E-05	0	0	2.78E-04	2.08E-04
Glov_2961	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	2	0	0	3	1	1.47E-05	0	0	2.77E-04	2.08E-04
Glov_0572	Electron transfer flavoprotein alpha/beta-subunit	1	0	0	0	0	1.47E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3132	molybdopterin oxidoreductase (EC:1.6.5.3, EC:1.2.1.43, EC:1.2.1.2)	3	0	0	0	0	1.46E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1039	putative signal transduction protein	1	0	0	0	0	1.46E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1349	ribosomal protein L2	1	0	0	0	0	1.45E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1733	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	3	0	0	1	1	1.45E-05	0	0	6.08E-05	1.37E-04
Glov_1340	DNA-directed RNA polymerase, beta' subunit (EC:2.7.7.6)	5	3	0	3	3	1.44E-05	5.12E-04	0	1.08E-04	2.44E-04
Glov_1659	dTDP-4-dehydrothamnose reductase (EC:1.1.1.133)	1	0	0	0	0	1.44E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3214	metal dependent phosphohydrolase	1	0	0	0	0	1.41E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0461	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	2	0	0	3	1	1.40E-05	0	0	2.64E-04	1.98E-04
Glov_1735	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	3	0	0	1	1	1.37E-05	0	0	5.76E-05	1.30E-04
Glov_3152	acetylglutamate kinase (EC:2.7.2.-, EC:2.7.2.8)	1	0	0	0	0	1.36E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1013	RNA polymerase, sigma 70 subunit, RpoD family	2	0	0	0	0	1.36E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3047	phosphoribosylaminoimidazole-succinocarboxamide synthase (EC:6.3.2.6)	1	0	0	0	0	1.34E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0515	TPR repeat-containing protein	1	0	0	0	0	1.33E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0368	pyruvate flavodoxin/ferredoxin oxidoreductase domain protein (EC:1.2.7.-)	4	3	0	3	0	1.33E-05	5.94E-04	0	1.26E-04	0
Glov_2304	dihydroorotate dehydrogenase family protein (EC:1.3.98.1)	1	0	0	0	0	1.31E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1024	cysteine synthase (EC:2.5.1.47, EC:2.5.1.47)	1	0	0	0	0	1.30E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3375	Tetratricopeptide TPR_2 repeat protein	1	0	0	0	0	1.30E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2548	response regulator receiver modulated CheW protein	1	0	0	0	0	1.27E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0765	oxidoreductase domain protein	1	0	0	0	0	1.27E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2044	ATPase associated with various cellular activities AAA_3 (EC:3.6.3.-)	1	0	0	0	0	1.27E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1758	hypothetical protein	1	0	0	0	0	1.26E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2522	ATP-dependent metalloprotease FtsH (EC:3.4.24.-)	2	0	0	2	0	1.25E-05	0	0	1.58E-04	0
Glov_2277	Polyprenyl synthetase (EC:2.5.1.90)	1	0	0	0	0	1.24E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1869	threonyl-tRNA synthetase (EC:6.1.1.3)	2	0	0	0	0	1.23E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0949	fructose-1,6-bisphosphate aldolase, class II (EC:4.1.2.13)	1	0	0	0	0	1.22E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3555	response regulator receiver modulated GAF sensor protein	1	0	0	0	0	1.22E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0418	3-oxoacyl-(acyl-carrier-protein) synthase III (EC:2.3.1.180)	1	0	0	0	0	1.22E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1882	tryptophanyl-tRNA synthetase (EC:6.1.1.2)	1	0	0	0	0	1.21E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3525	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	2	0	0	3	1	1.21E-05	0	0	2.28E-04	1.71E-04
Glov_1041	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	2	0	0	3	1	1.20E-05	0	0	2.27E-04	1.70E-04
Glov_1616	glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase, type I (EC:1.2.1.12)	1	0	0	0	0	1.19E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1873	phenylalanyl-tRNA synthetase, alpha subunit (EC:6.1.1.20)	1	0	1	0	0	1.18E-05	0	1.14E-03	0	0
Glov_2597	Agmatine deiminase (EC:3.5.3.12)	1	0	0	0	0	1.17E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3496	signal recognition particle-docking protein FtsY	1	0	0	0	0	1.16E-05	0	0	0	0

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		KB1	PM2A2	EW1	O-BH9-A1	O-BH10-A1	KB1	PM2A2	EW1	O-BH9-A1	O-BH10-A1
Glov_0762	UDP-3-O-(3-hydroxymyristoyl) glucosamine N-acyltransferase (EC:2.3.1.-)	1	0	0	0	0	1.15E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0385	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	2	0	0	3	1	1.14E-05	0	0	2.15E-04	1.61E-04
Glov_3188	N-acetyl-gamma-glutamyl-phosphate reductase (EC:1.2.1.-, EC:1.2.1.38)	1	0	0	0	0	1.12E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3345	Alanine--glyoxylate transaminase (EC:2.6.1.-)	1	0	0	0	0	1.12E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3260	methylmalonyl-CoA mutase, large subunit (EC:5.4.99.2)	2	0	0	0	0	1.12E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0625	Radical SAM domain protein	1	0	0	0	0	1.11E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1592	3-dehydroquinate synthase (EC:4.2.3.4)	1	0	0	0	0	1.11E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3721	Methionine synthase vitamin-B12 independent (EC:2.1.1.14)	1	0	0	0	0	1.09E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1842	peptidase M29 aminopeptidase II (EC:3.4.11.-)	1	0	0	0	0	1.09E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2698	hypothetical protein	1	0	0	0	0	1.08E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0659	hypothetical protein	1	0	0	0	0	1.06E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_3071	Cystathionine gamma-synthase (EC:4.4.1.8)	1	0	0	0	0	1.06E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2433	aldehyde oxidase and xanthine dehydrogenase molybdopterin binding	2	0	0	0	0	1.04E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2486	response regulator receiver protein	1	0	0	0	0	1.03E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0664	cell division protein FtsZ	1	0	0	0	0	1.03E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2714	1-deoxy-D-xylulose 5-phosphate reductoisomerase (EC:1.1.1.267)	1	0	0	0	0	1.02E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_2723	DNA polymerase III, alpha subunit (EC:2.7.7.7)	3	0	0	0	0	1.01E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_1380	creatinase (EC:3.4.13.9)	1	0	0	0	0	1.00E-05	0	0	0	0
Glov_0756	ribonuclease, Rne/Rng family (EC:3.1.26.12)	1	0	0	0	1	5.37E-06	0	0	0	1.52E-04
Glov_1339	DNA-directed RNA polymerase, beta subunit (EC:2.7.7.6)	2	1	0	0	0	5.31E-06	1.58E-04	0	0	0
Glov_1669	translation initiation factor IF-2	1	0	0	1	0	4.19E-06	0	0	5.27E-05	0
Glov_1350	ribosomal protein S19	0	2	0	0	0	0	5.14E-03	0	0	0
Glov_1356	ribosomal protein L14	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.94E-03	0	0	0
Glov_0693	hypothetical protein	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.79E-03	0	0	0
Glov_0827	V-type H(+)-translocating pyrophosphatase (EC:3.6.1.1)	0	4	2	21	5	0	1.39E-03	1.14E-03	1.54E-03	8.28E-04
Glov_0552	LemA family protein	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.22E-03	0	0	0
Glov_1256	LemA family protein	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.22E-03	0	0	0
Glov_0516	hypothetical protein	0	1	0	0	0	0	8.41E-04	0	0	0
Glov_2635	hypothetical protein	0	1	0	0	0	0	5.36E-04	0	0	0
Glov_2615	hydro-lyase, Fe-S type, tartrate/fumarate subfamily, beta subunit (EC:4.2.1.2)	0	1	0	0	0	0	4.36E-04	0	0	0
Glov_1115	TonB-dependent receptor	0	1	0	0	0	0	3.35E-04	0	0	0
Glov_1301	hypothetical protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.15E-03	0	0
Glov_1450	type II secretion system protein	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	9.54E-04	0	0
Glov_1926	histone family protein DNA-binding protein	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5.44E-04	0
Glov_2215	histone family protein DNA-binding protein	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5.27E-04	0
Glov_0426	hypothetical protein	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5.21E-04	0
Glov_0080	hypothetical protein	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3.19E-04	0
Glov_0373	transaldolase (EC:2.2.1.2)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2.34E-04	0
Glov_2763	phosphomethylpyrimidine kinase (EC:2.5.1.3, EC:2.7.4.7, EC:2.7.1.49)	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2.03E-04	0
Glov_0812	protein of unknown function DUF124	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.87E-04	0
Glov_1143	Uroporphyrin-III C/tetrapyrrole (Corrin/Porphyrin) methyltransferase (EC:2.1.1.198)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.80E-04	0
Glov_2718	succinyl-CoA synthetase, alpha subunit (EC:6.2.1.5)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.72E-04	0
Glov_0262	ATPase associated with various cellular activities AAA_5 (EC:6.6.1.2)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.63E-04	0
Glov_0618	phosphate binding protein	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.56E-04	0
Glov_1890	histidine kinase	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.30E-04	0
Glov_1754	acetate kinase (EC:2.7.2.1)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.19E-04	0
Glov_2552	DEAD/DEAH box helicase domain protein	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.16E-04	0
Glov_3519	DEAD/DEAH box helicase domain protein (EC:3.6.4.13)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.15E-04	0
Glov_0890	putative sigma54 specific transcriptional regulator	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	9.21E-05	0
Glov_0808	glucosamine/fructose-6-phosphate aminotransferase, isomerizing (EC:2.6.1.16)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	8.21E-05	0
Glov_1399	SSS sodium solute transporter superfamily	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7.57E-05	0
Glov_1397	SSS sodium solute transporter superfamily	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7.52E-05	0
Glov_0932	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7.07E-05	0
Glov_2507	methyl-accepting chemotaxis sensory transducer	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6.11E-05	0

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		KB1	PM2A2	EW1	O-BH9-A1	O-BH10-A1	KB1	PM2A2	EW1	O-BH9-A1	O-BH10-A1
Glov_3227	osmosensitive K <sup>+</sup> channel signal transduction histidine kinase (EC:2.7.13.3)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5.62E-05	0
Glov_1550	multi-sensor hybrid histidine kinase	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5.03E-05	0
Glov_2093	TPR repeat-containing protein	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2.92E-05	0
Glov_0472	nitrogen regulatory protein P-II	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.00E-03
Glov_2675	glycine cleavage system T protein (EC:2.1.2.10)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3.07E-04
Glov_3051	peptidase S16 lon domain protein	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.36E-04
Glov_2533	TPR repeat-containing protein	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.10E-04

**Table A3. 5. HupL peptides detected in KB-1 culture sample and the DMC strain homologs that they hit. Peptides highlighted in orange are specific for the Pinellas Group, peptides highlighted in green are specific for the Cornell Group.**

Peptide Number	Sequence	Spectral Counts	DMC195	VS	CBDB1	GT	BAV1	KB-1
16	DNDNPFELVRIV	1	X	X	X	X	X	X
15	DNDNPFELVR	4	X	X	X	X	X	X
65	VRDNDNPFELVR	70	X	X	X	X	X	X
24	GPVEQALIGTK	24	X		X	X	X	X
27	GVYGPVEQALIGTK	11	X		X	X		X
12	DGQGVYGPVEQALIGTK	7			X	X		X
30	ISNYQCVVPTTWNCSPKDGQGVYGPVEQALIGTK	4			X	X		X
17	DNQGVYGPVEQALIGTK	2	X					
29	IGEPVIADYEIPETAEGMGLWEAPR	9	X					
46	MVNDTLSHFGAGPAALFSTLGR	20	X					
45	MVNDTLSHFGAGPAALFSTL	1	X					
74	YVSGDPLVQQMVNDTLSHFGAGPAALFSTLGR	4	X					
53	MVVNYVSGDPLVQQMVNDTLSHF	1	X					
52	MVVNYVSGDPLVQQMVNDTL	1	X					
51	MVVNYVSGDPLVQQMVN	1	X					
3	AGPAALFSTLGR	1	X	X	X	X	X	X
21	GAGPAALFSTLGR	13	X	X	X	X	X	X
20	FGAGPAALFSTLGR	29	X	X	X	X	X	X
63	VNDTLAHFGAGPAALFSTLGR	3				X	X	X
62	VNDTLAHFGAGPAALF	1				X	X	X
44	MVNDTLAHFGAGPAALFSTLGR	126				X	X	X
43	MVNDTLAHFGAGPAALFSTL	8				X	X	X
42	MVNDTLAHFGAGPAALFS	3				X	X	X
41	MVNDTLAHFGAGPAALF	15				X	X	X
40	MVNDTLAHFGAGPAAL	15				X	X	X
39	MVNDTLAHFGAGPA	8				X	X	X
38	MVNDTLAH	1				X	X	X

61	VAGDPVVQK	2		X	X	X	X	X
73	YVAGDPVVQK	5		X	X	X	X	X
64	VNYVAGDPVVQK	2		X	X	X	X	X
50	MVVNYVAGDPVVQKMN	1		X	X	X	X	X
49	MVVNYVAGDPVVQKM	2		X	X	X	X	X
48	MVVNYVAGDPVVQK	18		X	X	X	X	X
47	MVVNYVAGDPVVQ	1		X	X	X	X	X
59	TPYEVGPLAR	7		X	X	X	X	X
72	YENTPYEVGPLAR	18		X	X	X	X	X
70	YDGTPEYVGLAR	6	X					
10	APRYENTPYEVGPLAR	1		X	X	X	X	X
22	GDTTEYPLNEVTEPEFTK	2	X					
58	TFDPSKITESIK	1	X					
26	GVVSASDLAHR	1	X					
36	LFTQGVVSASDLAHR	8	X					
35	LFTQGTVSASDLTLH	15			X	X	X	X
14	DLEASGTNLATR	1	X					
13	DLEANGTNLATR	3		X	X	X	X	X
25	GVFDLEANGTNLATR	2		X	X	X	X	X
57	SYGVFDLEANGTNLATR	7		X	X	X	X	X
23	GGVTSHPSID	2	X	X	X	X	X	X
69	VVAGGVTSHPSIDSISFMSK	4			X	X	X	X
68	VVAGGVTSHPSIDSISF	2			X	X	X	X
67	VVAGGVTSHPSID	14	X	X	X	X	X	X
66	VVAGGVTSHPS	1	X	X	X	X	X	X
56	SVAVVAGGVTSHPSID	9	X	X	X	X	X	X
34	LAHELSAIYSGR	17		X	X	X	X	X
33	KVAQAATAVAH	9	X	X	X	X	X	X
71	YEGDYRLPK	7	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	AAGDMSMLAPFYPR	5	X	X	X	X	X	X

8	ALAAGDMSMLAPFYPRYEGD	4	X	X	X	X	X	X
7	ALAAGDMSMLAPFYPRYE	1	X	X	X	X	X	X
6	ALAAGDMSMLAPFYPR	12	X	X	X	X	X	X
5	ALAAGDMSML	4	X	X	X	X	X	X
4	ALAAGDMSM	1	X	X	X	X	X	X
18	DYDGTDPPELLK	2	X	X	X	X	X	X
60	VADYDGTDPPELLK	1	X	X	X	X	X	X
19	EVADYDGTDPPELLK	1	X	X	X	X	X	X
9	ALDYVDVTEVADYDGTDPPELLK	9	X		X	X	X	X
55	NLIQGANYIASH	3	X	X	X	X	X	X
54	NLIQGANYIAS	1	X	X	X	X	X	X
1	AAFGVADKIPNNGR	2			X	X	X	X
11	DAVHITQR	5	X	X	X	X	X	X
28	IEATVDGGEVKDAK	1	X	X	X	X	X	X
32	IVIDPITRIE	16	X	X	X	X	X	X
31	IVIDPITR	2	X	X	X	X	X	X
37	MQKIVIDPITR	4	X	X	X	X	X	X